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Recovering – Bill and Susan Ellis with son Stuart, his wife Claire and their children Lauren and Olivia

Bill climbed on top of the Yellow Duckmarine to help others

Passengers cling on as the bus disappears under the water

A FAMILY of six told of their terror as they fought for their lives when a pleasure boat they were on suddenly started sinking.

The Ellis family's outing on the Yellow Duckmarine in Liverpool turned to horror film as the vessel sank with 31 people on board.

The family said they feared for their lives as panic gripped the passengers.

Grandfather Bill Ellis was hailed a hero after he saved dozens of fellow passengers as the boat sank at the Albert Dock in Liverpool.

by Sharon Marris

Stuart and Claire Ellis, of Sedgley, had travelled with daughters Lauren, aged 11, and Olivia, seven, and Stuart's parents Bill and Susan to Merseyside for Bill's 70th birthday.

The family boarded the amphibious boat on Saturday and were near the end of the tour when disaster struck.

Safely back at their home in Queens Road, Claire said the boat's driver had struggled to get the boat on to the ramp to end the trip, so had gone a few metres further out at Salthouse Dock to try again.

The 37-year-old said: "I could see he was trying to kick the gearbox and was trying to get things moving, but nothing was happening. Then somebody screamed: 'There's water! There's water!'" With water rapidly filling the boat, the family of six struggled to pull themselves out through the plastic windows. Claire, a financial advisor, said: "There was a lot of screaming and the girls were hysterical.

Struggling

The water got to around knee deep before we were able to climb out. Lauren was saying: I'm going to die, I'm going to die. I just kept telling her: you're not."

Grandfather Bill pulled himself on to the roof of the boat and threw the two life-rafts stored there in to the water to help people struggling to swim.

Bill, who lives with wife Susan, 66, in Old Barn Road, Wordsley, said: "I just remember thinking: the only chance we've got is them (the rafts). I don't really remember how I got myself up on the top of the boat."

"If it hadn't been for him, we wouldn't be here. We'd be dead," said Claire. It took just a few minutes for the boat to sink and although the Ellis family can swim they found it difficult with their clothes. A barge eventually came to the rescue.

The family were uninjured but they lost everything they had with them. Stuart said: "We came back to Sedgley that night and even had to break into our own house because the keys had gone too. But we're just thankful we're all ok."

● Watch the video at www.expressandstar.com

Wheelie bins are on the way to thousands

SOME 40,000 homes in the Dudley borough will get wheelie bins from July 1.

Thousands of homes across Dudley will begin receiving wheelie bins for household rubbish from July 1, it was announced today.

Council bosses said that streets in parts of Quarry Bank, Netherton, Coseley, Kingswinford, Stourbridge and Halesowen would be among the first to get the bins.

Households will also get two bags for paper, card, plastic bottles and cans.

This is the first phase of a £2.5 million project. The second phase of deliveries will be later this year and the final phase by next spring.

After the deliveries are complete, residents will have one collection day for recycling and household waste. Some now have up to three.

Householders will have a blue bag for paper and card, a green bag for plastic bottles and cans and the existing black box will be for glass bottles and jars.

Councillor Tracy Wood, cabinet member for environment and culture, said: "We want to do everything we can to help our residents to recycle more."

She said the new service would mean more efficient collections.

It is hoped the wheelie bin plan will save the council £250,000 a year it currently spends on black bin bags.

Man injured in roof fall

A MAN had to be airlifted to hospital with serious back injuries after falling from a roof in Stourbridge.

The man, believed to be aged in his 40s, fell from the roof of a two-storey building off Highpark Avenue, in Wollaston.

The air ambulance had to hover above homes before crews guided it to land in a nearby park.

Paramedics had to transfer the man to the aircraft using an ambulance.

Hospital's risk rating worsens to amber-red

DUDLEY'S Russells Hall Hospital's risk rating has worsened after targets for accident and emergency waiting times, and treatment for cancer patients, were missed.

It has gone from green to amber-red after concerns were raised by health watchdog Monitor.

The Government goals were missed during the first three months of the year.

Latest figures show that 92.6 per cent of A&E patients were seen within four hours between January and March. The target is 95 per cent.

Around 23,400 people attended the department during the period.

Bosses also failed to meet the 62-day deadline for cancer patients needing treatment after urgent referral from their GPs, with 84.8 per cent of people seen. The target is 85 per cent.

Bosses at the Dudley Group NHS Foundation Trust said there had been a great demand on the A&E department, mirrored at other hospitals.

They also said a higher than usual number of patients had been referred for cancer treatment during the period. Targets were met for April.

Chief executive Paula Clark said: "The Dudley Group makes every effort to ensure that all treatment is carried out as quickly as possible and within the nationally agreed time frame.

Escape plan was rubbish

THREE suspected burglars jumped into bins to try to hide from police. Officers were called after a resident heard noise at his home in Smith Street, Dixons Green, Dudley, at 4.40am on Monday.

After a chase, one man was arrested from a bin nearby, and the two suspected accomplices were found at the bottom of a rubbish chute at a block of flats.

No-one was hurt.

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Shock as metal thieves steal gas pipes

THE 'incredibly dangerous' actions of metal thieves who stripped gas piping from homes 'beggars belief', it has been claimed.

It came as residents told of their shock after the raids caused a gas leak.

Glenis Pearce's home in Coseley was one of more than half a dozen targeted by thieves.

The 66-year-old was woken by a loud noise last week and smelled gas. She noticed the pipes on the side of the semi-detached house in Robert Wynd were missing.

National Grid spokeswoman Jane Taylor said: "We were called out to houses in Coseley where pipework was stolen and we made the situation safe. It beggars belief that people would do this as it is incredibly dangerous."

Mrs Pearce, who looks after her disabled husband John, 70, said: "I looked outside and the pipes had gone – I couldn't believe it. It was very worrying.

"It left us without gas for two days while we waited for it to be fixed.

"When my new boiler was fitted in 2010, l said at the time I wasn't happy with the pipes being outside where they could be seen."

Homes in nearby Clifton Street were also hit. Fire crews from Dudley and Bilston were called to Clifton Street after residents reported a strong smell of gas. They found copper gas piping cut off on one end of the row of properties.

Firefighter Andy Rainey said: "These people have put their lives and the lives of others at risk by stealing this metal."

Go-ahead for homes on site of former club

THE site of a demolished club in Stourbridge is making way for new homes after the scheme was given the go-ahead by council chiefs.

Dudley Council planning officers have approved Smethwick-based Bains Builders' planning application for the housing development on the former Stourbridge War Memorial Club.

The old club, in Amblecote High Street, was knocked down last month.

It had become a magnet for vandalism and anti-social behaviour since it closed in 2002.

Earlier plans to turn the site into a restaurant and cabaret bar in 2010 fell though after residents raised concerns.

Concerns

Last August, the site was sold by estate agents Lee Shaw Partnership and a proposal was put forward in January to build four detached care homes for young adults on the site.

But that planning application was later withdrawn because of concerns over the amount of traffic that would be going in and out of site.

The latest plan by Bains Builders is for four houses.

Under the new scheme, each of the four houseswill have four en-suite bedrooms.

The homes will be brick-built with the style designed to be in keeping with existing properties in the area.

Margaret Scott, chairman of the Stourbridge Town Partnership, welcomed the approval for the new plans.

She said: "The building was an absolute eyesore before."

Fans snap up Weller gig tickets in minutes

TICKETS for Paul Weller's gig in Wolverhampton sold out within 30 minutes of going on sale last week.

Dozens of fans queued at the Midland Box Office in the city centre from the early hours to get their hands on tickets for the October 16 show at the Civic Hall.

The Modfather is returning to the venue as part of a 10-concert tour.

Diamond couple celebrate with family

Ron and Patricia Evans, celebrating their anniversary

The couple on their big day

A PAIR of teenage sweethearts have celebrated 60 years of married bliss.

Their eyes first met when they were pupils at Park School in Grange Road, Dudley.

And devoted couple Ron and Patricia Evans have been by each other's side ever since.

They got married on May 30 1953 after Mr Evans, now 82, had completed two year's national service which he served in Egypt.

"We were 15 and 13 when we first met. I wanted to get married at 18 but my father told me I should wait until after I had done my national service. We didn't see each other for two years while I was in Egypt," said Mr Evans.

The wedding ceremony took place at St James Church in Eve Hill, Dudley and Mr Evans, who worked as a milkman for Midland Counties Dairy for 10 years, said it had been worth the wait.

Delighted

Mr Evans also worked for Geoff Hickinbottom's bakery in Wednesbury while Mrs Evans, now aged 80, was a seamstress.

The couple, of Brierley Hill, have two children, Michael and Sharon, as well as eight grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Mr Evans, who said he enjoyed improving their home including decorating, said they were delighted to celebrate their diamond wedding.

To mark the important milestone their family organised a special dinner party.

The couple will also be going on holiday to Jersey later in the year.

"Our secret to a happy marriage is give and take. We enjoy each other's company and I've never been out the house without her," said Mr Evans.

Army in drive to find new recruits

ARMY boots are hitting the ground in Dudley as part of a nationwide recruitment campaign aimed at bringing 10,000 soldiers into the Army over the coming year.

As part of the campaign, people are being invited to attend one of a number of recruitment events in the Black Country over the next month.

There will be a special Jobcentre Plus clinic in Dudley on June 26, from 1pm top 3pm.

The clinic will provide potential recruits with more information about the range of jobs available in the Army and a unique opportunity to meet and talk to young serving soldiers about what the Army can offer.

The Dudley event is part of a nationwide campaign to dispel the misconception that the Army is not hiring.

Brigadier Andrew Jackson, the Director of Recruiting and Training for the Army, said: "We are always looking for talented, young people to take up the challenge of a career in the Army.

"No matter what your skills or background, the Army has something to offer you and an Army job provides opportunities to learn much more beyond military skills. It will develop you and show you the strengths you didn't know you had."

Mayor gets help with campaign

BRUNO the dog has helped the Mayor of Dudley with his campaign to raise money for charity.

Councillor Alan Finch invited representatives from his chosen charities, including the eight and a half year old dog from Hearing Dogs for Deaf People.

Representatives from Cancer Support, The White House, Dudley, also joined the Mayor for afternoon tea at the Council House in Dudley.

Councillor Finch said: "It was great to meet the representatives.

They make such a big difference to the people who rely on their support, from people with cancer and their families to the people who need a dog to get out."

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Man, 25, sent to jail after car crash

A DRIVER who took his girlfriend's car and smashed into another vehicle after ignoring a red light, has been jailed for 12 months.

Daniel Biles, of Lodge Crescent, Netherton, took the car without permission and hit a Land Rover Discovery in Marriott Road, Brierley Hill.

The other driver had gone through a green light and had even slowed down. About £500 damage was caused to the Land Rover, Howard Searle, prosecuting, told Wolverhampton Crown Court.

The driver found the car Biles was driving abandoned along the road.

Biles, aged 25, was found guilty of dangerous driving, driving with no insurance, failing to stop at the scene of an accident and aggravated vehicle taking, after a trial at Dudley Magistrates Court.

He was jailed for 12 months for dangerous driving and was given a three-month sentence for aggravated vehicle taking, to run concurrently. He was also banned from driving for two years.

Stephen Hamblett, defending, said Biles's partner had forgiven him and they were still together.

He added: "She has lost out as the insurance company is not paying out."

Councils warned on filming

COUNCILS have been warned by Eric Pickles to stop using false legal objections to prevent the public filming meetings.

The Communities Secretary said he wanted to stand up for public scrutiny as he published a guide to people's rights to report proceedings and obtain official documents.

The Department for Communities and Local Government said councils continued to refuse to allow councillors and officers to be filmed, but it was a misconception that it was prohibited. Mr Pickles said: "I want to stand up for the rights of journalists and taxpayers to scrutinise decisions of the state. Data protection should not be used to suppress reporting."

Rowena's £10k target in memory of tragic son

HEARTBROKEN mother Rowena Jeremy is channelling grief into action.

She has raised nearly £5,000 by running in memory of her son, who died aged eight, from an asthma attack.

Despite being asthmatic herself, Mrs Jeremy, aged 38, of Wordsley, has been inspired by her son Owen's love of sport. And with friends, she has started taking part in races.

She competed in a Manchester 10,000 kilometre event recently – and plans to carry on to raise £10,000 for Asthma UK by the end of the year.

"I know its something Owen would never have believed his mummy could do," said Mrs Jeremy. "I have really enjoyed it and I will be carrying on."

Owen, who loved football and swimming, died last May when he went into cardiac arrest in Dudley's Russells Hall Hospital after suffering an asthma attack at his school, Fairhaven Primary.

Friends of Owen, his mother and father, David, have also been running to raise cash in his memory. They include David Rowe, headteacher of Fairhaven Primary, other staff at the school and mothers of some of the youngster's pals.

School friends have also raised £13,000 for an adventure playground at the school in memory of Owen, who lived with his parents in Primrose Hill.

To help Mrs Jeremy's appeal see www.justgiving.com/rowena-jeremy

Nicola Chowings-Thomas, Stephanie Mackenzie Rowena Jeremy, Jo Lancaster and Tamsyn Eida

Devoted elderly couple die in horrific car crash

Sports fan Andy rides for his father

Andy Luckett who is taking part in the Football League Challenge charity bike ride in memory of his father

A SPORTS fan is joining up with one of his football heroes for a mammoth cycle ride from London to Amsterdam to raise cash for charity.

Andy Luckett, aged 48, teamed up last week with former England striker Luther Blissett and 50 other cyclists on the 155-mile route from Wembley.

Mr Luckett, of Dibdale Road, Dudley, took on the challenge to raise money for Prostate Cancer UK.

His father John Luckett, who lived in West Heath in Birmingham, died from the cancer aged 80, in 2000.

So far, the Department of Work and Pensions civil servant has raised more than £1,000 in sponsorship for the ride.

He said: "I saw the ride advertised and it was perfect for me. I love football and Luther Blissett, enjoying cycling, and want to raise money for fighting prostate cancer."

Mr Luckett trained hard for the event and lost more than a stone in weight in the process.

He said: "I used to often cycle to work in Birmingham, but I did some big rides in preparation, cycling up to 70 miles a day.

"The ride is tough, but going along with so many other cyclists and Luther will give me a lift."

People can help Andy Luckett to reach his fundraising target by logging on to website uk.virginmoneygiving.com/AndrewLuckett1

Andy's father John Luckett

A DEVOTED elderly couple were found holding hands in the wreckage of a car crash which claimed their lives.

John and Betty Hodgkiss died in the smash and were found with their hands clasped together inside their badly damaged car moments after the tragedy.

Mr Hodgkiss, an 82-year-old retired bus driver and former army corporal, died at the scene of the accident last Friday at Wootton, Six Ashes, on the A458 Bridgnorth to Stourbridge road.

His 79-year-old wife was airlifted to Birmingham's Queen Elizabeth Hospital where she died the following evening.

The couple, who had been married for 52 years, were travelling from their home in Bilston Road, Tipton, to their favourite pub near Bridgnorth for a meal when their car, a Ford Mondeo, was in collision with a grey Audi A4 TDI estate.

Their son David, 47, of the Woodside estate, Dudley, said: "The most comforting thing for me is that they have gone together.

"We were told that they were found holding hands in the car so they must have had time to say goodbye to each other."

Betty and John Hodgkiss

Married

The couple also leave daughter-in-law Jackie and granddaughters, Katie, 26, Rebecca, 18, Jessica, 16, and Samantha, 15.

Mr Hodgkiss had served in the Royal Electrical and Mechanical Engineers, after which he worked as a coach driver, which led to a chance meeting with Betty.

They were together for 10 months before they married at Hill Top Methodist Church, West Bromwich, in 1961.

Mr Hodgkiss had some mobility problems in recent years and had a hip operation last October. He bought the automatic Mondeo Zetec about six weeks ago.

The couple would often visit The River and Rail Country Inn, in Hampton Loade, near Bridgnorth.

Police said they were travelling from the Stourbridge direction towards Bridgnorth when the accident happened.

The woman driving the Audi suffered minor injuries.

"We want to thank all their friends and neighbours and our family for being so supportive and also the emergency services for what they did, and the family police liaison officer," added David.

"I'm still devastated – I can't believe they are gone. They were such a brilliant couple."

Next-door neighbour Philip Barklam, 54, said: "They were a lovely couple."

NEWS in brief

Festival to raise cash for church

AN appeal is being made for help to help pay for essential maintenance to the only Grade 1 listed building in Stourbridge – St Thomas' church in Market Street.

The lighting system needs replacing, the interior needs redecorating, and the church hall needs to be revamped.

The main fundraising activity will be a three-day flower festival from June 28 which will be opened by MP Margot James. It will include a performance by the Stourbridge Operatic Society on the Sunday.

Development is one of the best

A multi-million pound housing development was in Walsall town centre has been named as one of the top 50 in the UK.

The £55m Walsall Waterfront was one of just three housing developments in the West Midlands to be selected.

Judge and Chartered Institute of Housing Board member Elaine Elkington praised the 322 home site, which saw the redevelopment of 5.5 acres of derelict brownfield land.

Delays warning on stretch of M5

A STRETCH of the M5 in the West Midlands will be closed overnight for a week for resurfacing work.

The Highways Agency is warning of disruption on the southbound stretch between junctions three near Halesowen and four near Lydiate Ash. The work started on Monday and the motorway was being closed from 9.30pm to 5.30am.

Pub of the year gets its award

THE Stourbridge and Halesowen branch of the Campaign for Real Ale has chosen the winner of its pub of the year award.

Members were visiting the winning pub, The Starving Rascal, in Brettell Lane, Amblecote, today (Thursday) at 8pm to make the presentation of the award.

Opera parts offer

AN operatic group in Cradley Heath is launching open auditions for its latest show, Copacabana.

TAB Operatic Society is staging the auditions at Dudley Wood Methodist Church Hall on July 2. Call 0121 550 7254 for details.

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THE BEST OF PETER RHODES

GREAT understatements of our time: "Those silly things." Term used by former Netherlands prime minister Ruud Lubbers to describe 22 American nuclear bombs still in bunkers on Dutch soil.

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WITH a hint of disgust, Jenni Murray complains that young women who succeed in classical music are "the ones who are prepared to go along with the idea that sex sells." Why single out classical music? One of the mysteries of our age, after 40 years of strident feminism, is that men can become rock, pop or classical stars wearing normal clothes but women have to do it in their underwear.

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POLISH doctors have set up a practice in London, offering 30-minute appointments seven days a week, until 11pm. The surgery boasts spotless premises, friendly receptionists and has almost 6,000 Brits on its books, even though appointments cost £70 a time. How can such a clinic possibly flourish when our beloved NHS is free? Simple. I have a friend who wanted a short appointment with her doctor at her local GP surgery which is, of course, closed at nights and weekends. She will have to wait 11 days. She is actually relieved because in the past she has had to wait over three weeks for an appointment. What's the point in having a free service if it is so useless? So here's the key question. If a doctor could see you today or tomorrow, at a time to suit you, for a full 30 minutes with the chance of a speedy referral to a specialist, how much would you be prepared to pay? In affluent London, the rate appears to be £70. How long, faced with the dismal service offered by some NHS surgeries, before paid-for surgeries on the Polish pattern spring up across the rest of Britain?

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A LADY reader of a certain age sends me a sad letter about her childhood. She recalls the flashers, self-touchers, low-level molesters, knicker-peekers and other assorted dirty old men that she and her childhood friends encountered on an almost daily basis. Behaviour which was considered merely unpleasant or puzzling back then will today land you behind bars and on the sex offenders' register pretty damn quick, and a good thing too.

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MORE on BT. Or should that be Moron BT? A reader tells me she has just challenged BT over her 85-year-old mother's phone bill. She discovered her mother had been charged every quarter for the use of a phone which had been disconnected 15 years ago. BT nobly paid up £6.84 compensation.

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A BIZARRE case of theft is reported from Middlesbrough where a man visited a goldsmith, asked to see some diamonds and suddenly swallowed them. The thief later handed a bag of excrement to the police but the diamonds have never been recovered. Where can they be? Sherlock Holmes would have known: "Alimentary, my dear Watson."

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IN A clerical tiff over gay marriage on Facebook, the Rev Marcus Ramshaw (for) denounces the Archbishop of Canterbury Justin Welby (against) thus: "He does not speak in my name and I think he is a w***** but I'm not going to stop being a Christian or a priest." Wise decision. How many other professions allow their minions to call the boss a w***** and not get sacked?

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THERE'S an interesting little spat about Ramshaw on the right-on Independent website which will not allow contributors to use the word w*** in full. One suggests: "Use banker. It's just as insulting."**

Don't miss Peter Rhodes every Monday to Friday in your Express & Star

Council staff vote to take pay offer

THOUSANDS of council staff in the West Midlands have voted against striking over a pay offer that union leaders had branded paltry.

The Unison union asked members whether they wanted to take industrial action after local government workers were offered their first pay increase in three years.

They said the one per cent offer was much lower than private sector staff had received in recent years and that their salaries had effectively been cut.

The union's national bosses said they believed it was the best offer achievable by negotiation, and that only industrial action could achieve an improved offer. However the majority of members have voted to accept it.

In Wolverhampton the union represents 5,000 workers, where 71 per cent wanted to accept the pay increase.

In Dudley, the 4,000 members voted by three to one in favour of taking the rise.

Attack

In Sandwell, 69 per cent voted to take the rise, as did two thirds of the 6,500 asked in Staffordshire. Walsall figures were not available.

Unison leaders will decide what action to take when votes from across the country are in.

Dudley branch secretary Steve Beardsmore said: "I'm not surprised by the results because times are hard and people who work for councils have got husbands and wives who have also lost their jobs elsewhere."

Staffordshire branch secretary Steve Elsey said: "There has been a consistent attack on living standards of public sector workers and because of the position they find themselves in, there is no will to take this any further."

Wolverhampton branch secretary Adrian Turner said: "Our branch committee felt it was important to seek the views of as many members as possible on this paltry offer."

Steve Beardsmore

GP surgery closes as part of merger plan

A DOCTOR'S surgery has been closed as part of a merger plan, ahead of the opening of a multi-million pound health centre in Stourbridge.

Work is under way to convert the derelict former Foster, Rastrick and Company plant into an £8.5 million health centre.

by Andrew Turton

The development, which will serve 26,000 patients, is being created by Worcester Street Medical Practice in partnership with Primary Health Properties Plc.

The medical practice operates three surgeries which will close in phases before the main facility opens in 2014.

Bosses have announced the first branch surgery to shut will be the one in Meriden Avenue, Wollaston, on June 29.

Difficulties

Some patients have raised concerns with councillors about the move because of the extra distances to travel, especially for elderly people or those with mobility problems.

Ward councillor Ian Marrey said: "I can understand some people using Meriden Avenue will be disappointed that they face difficulties over the next year and it could be hard for them to get to the other surgeries.

There is another surgery in Wollaston, however."

Practice manager Cathryn Bateman said they would listen to patients' concerns but the move out of the outdated facilities was necessary.

"We are sorry that some of our patients feel that the closure of Meriden Avenue will adversely affect them.

"We can reassure them that we remain committed to providing first-class health care during the time of transition and beyond," she said.

"We are very happy to discuss the issue with patients that feel directly affected. We have developed new premises with our patients in mind. We are aware that we have outgrown our current premises and that they are no longer suitable."

Approval for plans was given around three years ago but the scheme was not finalised until a contract was agreed between Worcester Street Medical Practice and Primary Health Properties last October.

Primary Health Properties will lease the centre on a 25-year contract to the GP practice when building is complete.

Donate to give hospice a lift

STAFF at a garden centre are holding a fundraising event for Mary Stevens Hospice. The Webbs Garden Centre in West Hagley will host the Donate, Don't Dump Day on June 27, between 10am and 5pm. People can bring along good quality items which are no longer needed.

Youngsters toddle for charity

From left, three-year-old twins Christopher and Amelia Bowen and Holly Hanson, two, with Dudley College childcare student Lauren Guy and zoo mascot Jambi Tiger

HUNDREDS of youngsters joined the annual Barnardo's Big Toddle at Dudley Zoo.

Under-fives, dressed as characters from their favourite books, took over Dudley Castle courtyard, at the heart of the zoo, to help raise funds for disadvantaged children, and they took part in a short sponsored walk at the site.

Zoo spokeswoman Jill Hitchman said: "We are delighted to welcome back Barnardo's Big Toddle. It was fantastic to see so many nurseries, childminders, playgroups and families joining us to raise funds for a very worthy cause, and everyone had a fantastic time."

The event has been held at the zoo for 14 years.

Peters Hill Primary School nursery keyworker Christine Southall said: "We enjoy fundraising for Barnardo's and have taken part in the Toddle for more than 10 years."

Wildlife protected as homes are built

WORK on a housing development in the grounds of an 18th century manor house near Stourbridge is under way.

Ecologists have been on site at Wordsley Manor installing features to protect wildlife on the site, off Meadowfields Close, before construction starts on 14 homes.

A survey found three species of bat and three types of slow worms there.

The measures to protect them include saving foraging areas and creating a lighting scheme that would not scare bats away. Bat boxes will be put up, reptiles will be moved and a 'sunken reptile movement' corridor will allow the slow worms to move from the brook to the canal.

Gavin Warr, managing director of developer Selbourne Homes, said: "We've got about a month or so before we start building."

More than 100 people objected to the scheme when it went before Dudley Council planners in 2011.

They were worried about its impact on traffic and car parking, and conservation group Natural England had concerns over wildlife.

The council gave approval after the Hagley-based developers promised to protect the bats and slow worms.

New fitness classes on centre menu

TWO new calorie-burning, muscle-toning classes are being introduced at Dudley Leisure Centre.

The new Monday classes are being added to the programme at the centre in Wellington Road as part of a six-week trial. A bike class is led by a qualified instructor and runs from 1.30 to 2.15pm.

The accumulator is a new circuit class, from 12.30 to 1.15pm, which adds an exercise to each round, building stamina.

Both cost £3.45 per person with a 50 per cent reduction for Options+ leisure discount holders. Sessions are free to Options Lifestyle members.

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Festival of music planned for park

LOUD music and guitars are once again taking over Haden Hill House and park in Cradley Heath this summer for a one-day music festival.

The Opportunity Rocks festival is on Sunday July 7, between 11am and 6pm. This is the fourth year that the event in the park has been held.

It gives young indie, rock and pop musicans and singers a chance to perform live in front of an audience.

Cabinet member for highways and environment Councillor Maria Crompton said: "In previous years we have had some amazing young talent on stage.

"The event is a great opprtunity for yong bands to get up and perform."

The hunt is now on for performers for the show.

As well as the live music there will also be temporary body art, an inflatable assault course, and a burger van, and a local guitar shop will demonstrating and showcasing their wares.

And there will be a DJ between bands.

The event is free for participants and for the audience. Councillor Crompton added: "We really want to create a festival atmosphere in the park, but hopefully without the festival mud."

Anyone wanting more information should ring 01384 569444.

Service acts to prevent risk of falls

PEOPLE in Dudley are being urged to look after their feet as part of a campaign to reduce the number of people suffering falls in later life.

Members of Dudley Council's falls service were on the streets of the borough promoting its service.

The team, which provides a free service to over-65s, are urging on people to keep their feet healthy to lower the risk of falling. The service says that every year, one in three people aged over 65 will suffer a fall.

Councillor Dave Branwood, cabinet member for adult social care said: "There are lots of simple things we can do to help avoid falls and stay healthy."

Dudley falls service can be contacted on 01384 814459.

Royal honours for unsung community heroes

Dorothy Clarke MBE

UNSUNG heroes have been celebrating after they were recognised in the Queen's Birthday Honours list.

Among the Black Country people honoured for their achievements was **Dorothy Clarke** who was made an MBE for services to elderly people and to the communities of Pedmore, Stourbridge and Little Cornbow, Halesowen.

For almost three decades the 85-year-old has been at the helm of Pedmore Senior Citizens Club, which organises an array of lunches, entertainment and talks for pensioners.

And she has also been chairman of the over-50s club in Little Cornbow, Halesowen for 12 years.

Mrs Clarke, who lives in Pedmore with her husband of 61 years, Terry, has three children, five grandchildren and a great-grandchild on the way.

She said being made an MBE was 'absolutely amazing'.

And she added: "It's a great honour. I thoroughly enjoy my work. So many people are lonely, they just need somewhere to meet other people, enjoy a nice lunch or some entertainment and then they leave smiling."

Jean Hughes was awarded a British Empire Medal for services to the community through her keep fit classes, and her contribution to charity in Kingswinford.

The 77-year-old has been running exercise classes in Wordsley and the surrounding area for 41 years.

With the help of her group, she has raised more than £115,000 for good causes by staging events and holding raffles.

Mother-of-one Mrs Hughes, who lives with husband of 56 years, Ray, in Kingswinford, said: "I do my keep fit classes because I enjoy them, and the charity work because I want to help other people.

"I don't do it all to get an award, but it is nice to receive it.

"I have a great group of ladies who help me so I accept this award on behalf of my group too," she said.

Jean Hughes BEM

Free car parking spaces on cards for town centre

EXTRA free parking spaces could be created in Stourbridge town centre after concerns were raised about cars clogging up the streets.

Council bosses are carrying out a review to see where additional on-street bays can be provided to boost the town's High Street.

Report by Alex Ross

The move comes after Margaret Scott, chairman of Stourbridge Township Council, called for charges to be dropped at two car parks in Birmingham Street in a bid to attract visitors.

She said cars lined streets within walking distance of the town centre.

"I live in Parkfield Road and I've seen people leave their cars here and walk into the town centre and then come back with bags from Co-op and Iceland," she said.

"All the streets within walking distance from the town centre are the same. People are trying to avoid paying to park."

Pressure

She has suggested that the council make the car parks in Birmingham Street, which she says are seldom used, free of charge.

"They are not used at the moment but they would be just as close to the town centre as the streets where people are parking now."

But Councillor Judy Foster, cabinet member for regeneration, said: "While there are no plans to remove charges at Birmingham Street car parks, we are reviewing parking in the town centre with a view to improving, where possible, the availability of free on-street parking."

Meanwhile Councillor Ian Marrey has spoken out about a shortage of parking in Wollaston.

He said there had been a growing shortage of spaces following the demolition of the old Bell Street multi-storey car park in April

"This has increased the pressure on the limited off-street car parking," he added.

Councillor Marrey had objected to plans to convert a former butcher's shop in Worcester Street into four flats, saying it would increase pressure on parking.

The plans were approved by the council's planning committee, after officers said there would be potentially be more traffic if the site was used as a shop.

The old multi-storey car park in Bell Street was demolished last year for the Tesco development. There will be 500 spaces available when the store opens later this year.

Thousands flock to village event

Running a stall Jane Windge, Sharon Johnson, Kay Davies and Sophie Currier

The parade draws spectators at Kinver Country Fayre

A scaled-down Landrover joins the parade. Hundreds of local familes had fun in the sun

VINTAGE cars, traditional post boxes, locally-brewed real ale, morris dancing – the best of British was celebrated by thousands of people at the annual Kinver Country Fayre.

Colour and noise filled the village's High Street on Sunday morning as a parade of motors, bikes, people and even pets trailed down the road to mark the start of the event.

The march was led by firefighters from Kinver Fire Station and featured a large tractor-pulled float filled with members of Potters Cross Pre-School.

Also represented in the parade were scouting groups, cadet and army organisations, Irish dancing schools and football clubs.

The parade snaked down the High Street, which was lined with stalls from charities and local traders, before turning into Stag Meadow field.

On the field an arena was set up to stage events including a dog show, falconry and medieval battles. There was also a display of motorbikes, trucks and cars. Also on the field were dozens of stalls.

Organiser Charles Sadler said: "We've overwhelmed by the support, you could not move, it was absolute chock-a-block with people. I think we got well in excess of 10,000.\2

Money raised at the event is shared between local charities.

Farewell to council stalwart

FIREFIGHTERS formed a guard of honour at the funeral of Dudley councillor George Davies on Tuesday – what would have been his 76th birthday.

Hundreds of mourners packed into St Chad's Church, Coseley to pay their respects to Councillor Davies, a former mayor of Dudley. He had represented Coseley across five decades and was a member of the region's fire authority for a quarter of a century.

NEWS in brief

Trust invitation to young people

YOUNG people in Dudley are being offered the chance to join a programme run by The Prince's Trust.

It will combine working for qualifications, a week of outdoor pursuits and volunteering in the community.

It is being run by City of Wolverhampton College and West Midlands Police and is open to people aged between 16 and 25.

It starts on July 15. For more information, call 07768 766349.

Online route to find information

DUDLEY people can now find their local council and other services at the click of a button.

The town council has set up an online service to help residents find information about their area. The Find My Local web page can be found from www.dudley.gov.uk

People simply input their postcode and gain acess to a range of information including details on amenities such as recycling facilities, community centres and local schools.

Art forms part of church festival

ST PETER'S Church, Cradley, hosts an art exhibition, including a birdbox-making workshop, as part of a festival week from July 13 to 21.

Mouth and foot painter Graham Hendley and local artist Philip Adams will exhibit work on July 20 from noon to 4pm. There will also be a workshop by the Wildlife Trust to make bird boxes, as part of Cradley Festival Week.

Ramblers to get wildflower show

SOME of the country's most colourful wildflowers will be on display at Saltwells nature reserve between Netherton and Quarry Bank, when ramblers join a walk on June 23.

The walk starts at 10am on June 23 at the car park, off Saltwells Lane.To book a place, or find out more, call 01384 812795.

Free live music

FREE live music events, including one in Sedgley's Baggeridge Country Park, will be staged in July in celebration of the legacy of the Olympics, it has been announced.

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NEWS FEATURE

IN MY VIEW WITH MARK ANDREWS

A THREE-minute film, funded by the Government, has been made for prospective Polish immigrants warning them that the streets of Britain are not paved with gold.

This charming little movie, entitled Before You Go, tells the cautionary tale of a homeless Polish immigrant who is robbed of his money and identification papers.

Then, if that is not enough, the unfortunate Pole is then set alight by a bloke who looks like Pavarotti in a hoodie. Come on, it's happened to us all at some time or other, hasn't it?

The Foreign Office has so far yet to reveal how many Polish immigrants have been set ablaze by operatic doppelgangers, but I would venture to suggest it is fairly small.

Still, at least they didn't hire the Welsh bloke who pops up everywhere singing about car insurance. Now that would be unsubtle.

Perhaps it would be better used by the British Tourist Authority. You know, something along the lines of "Come to Britain, for a blazing time," or maybe "Where a warm welcome is guaranteed".

Or maybe it would be better to keep it simple: "The country where people will set you on fire."

It needs a bit of work, granted, but the potential is there.

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AS the row rumbles on about whether a Hungarian act should really have won Britain's Got Talent, it seems that the bigger question about shadow dance act Attraction has been forgotten.

Are they really that good?

Yes, what they do is quite clever, and some of the messages they delivered fairly poignant. But is that really the finest emerging talent that this nation can muster?

Back in the 70s, as today, Britain's screens were packed with talent shows, New Faces, Opportunity Knocks, Rising Stars, these low-budget shows were a world away from the polished, multi-million pound productions such as Britain's Got Talent, X Factor and The Voice.

Yet these simple, ramshackle productions brought us the likes of Les Dawson, Frank Carson, Mary Hopkin, Lenny Henry, Joe Pasquale. Okay, maybe not Joe Pasquale, but you get the drift.

Can you really imagine people still raving over a group of Hungarian shadow dancers 30 or 40 years from now? Or Pudsey the Dancing Dog?

Or more to the point, the girl, whose name escapes me at the moment, who won The Voice last year?

Maybe what we need is a spot of rebranding, you know a new name. Something like Britain Used To Have Talent. That should do the trick.

Sue Higgs discusses training with Rupy Pandaal, service user and carer strategy co-ordinator

Clare Corness-Parr, left, head of adult nursing, and Ann Philp, head of recruitment retention and employability

Service user Hilary Jones receives training before joining the panel to interview potential nurses

How users help to select new nurses

Recruitment is changing. **MARISHA CYSEWSKI** reports on the University of Wolverhampton's pioneers

WHEN Sue Higgs interviews potential nurses she looks for "kindness, a willingness to learn and above all compassion" and she should know the value of these qualities.

She is not a medical professional, but she is drawing on her first hand experience of the NHS to help select nursing students for the University of Wolverhampton, alongside tutors and nurses from clinical practice.

Mrs Higgs, of Penn, Wolverhampton, was a carer for her husband of 43 years, John, for six years after he suffered a brain haemorrhage which left him unable to look after himself.

He was a former teacher at Colton Hills Community School; he sadly died three and a half years ago.

Increase

She says: "Before John died we had some good and some not so good experiences with the NHS, I wanted to give something back for the positive experiences."

The university has 480 student nursing places, this year there has already been more than 3,700 applications.

The numbers applying to NHS-funded courses has increased considerably since the rise in tuition fees, so it is more competitive than ever to get a place.

Panel members will interview around 10 applicants a day, for courses starting in September and January.

Hilary Jones, aged 54, of Dudley, has suffered from Chronic Fatigue Syndrome for 15 years, an incurable illness which left her housebound. She is receiving training to become a panel member in the School of Health and Wellbeing.

Students nurses Emma Simpson, left, and Naomi Perry helped by interviews

She says: "It is uplifting to see the university's commitment to make the theory they teach a reality through involving us. Our opinions are respected and the university is dedicated to making the courses well rounded experiences.

"I think having service users involved in the course helps the students get a better understanding of what they are letting themselves in for."

The service users' judgements carry equal weighting to the views of the professionals and they are trained in areas such as equality and diversity to help their interview technique.

Head of Adult Nursing, Clare Corness-Parr, says: "The service users know what they want from nurses, they are able to spot passion, enthusiasm and other personal qualities that make a good carer in the interviewees." Their role goes beyond the interview process to the lecture hall, where students are able to directly question them about the illnesses they suffer, in preparation for their training placements in hospitals in Burton, Walsall, Dudley, Wolverhampton and Sandwell.

Student nurse, Emma Simpson, of Coseley, aged 24, said: "I was interviewed by one of the service users.

"I found talking to him about his experiences really helped me to open up and show some of my qualities to the rest of the panel.

"Nurses are there for the patients, I think getting more feedback from them is most beneficial for our development."

Rupy Pandaal is the service user and carer strategy co-ordinator and recruits the new panel members. He says: "The service users have a range of experiences, from life threatening illnesses to being carers.

"Some of them have had previous involvement with the university; others have heard through word of mouth and expressed their interest."

Around 50 service users are involved but there are plans to increase the number as the revised interview process is rolled out to more other fields of nurses including mental health, learning disability and children's nursing.

The Francis Report following the public inquiry into Mid Staffordshire has shaken the NHS's foundations as it described failings leading to appalling standards of care, since this service users are becoming more involved in health care education on a national level.

The university is one of the first educational establishments to involve service users in interviews, although this process began before the report was released.

Improve

The scheme was piloted last year when six service users took part in 18 interview dates, which showed they could make valuable recommendations.

The report aims to improve the standard of care for patients and has called for a selection of student nurses who have the right attitude and are able to put the welfare of others first.

The Francis Report made 290 recommendations to deliver better care, at the heart of this is the desire to put patients first and ensure that they are listened to.

Sue Higgs says: "Nursing my husband, John, was a hard time and big learning curve. I hope my experiences can help to benefit others.

"I do feel like my opinions are being listened to and valued on the panel and hope that the nurses we help to choose go on to make great carers and have successful careers."

THROUGH THE YEARS

1983...

HUNDREDS of children were sent home after a strike by cleaners and dinner ladies began to bite in Dudley schools. More than 800 staff hit the picket lines after rumours circulated that their jobs were about to be handed over to private firms.

THE death of a big-hearted Wednesfield ice cream man left government treasury officials with a headache after he left a £50,000 fortune in the bank. Giuseppe Gholoni died aged 77 without having made a will, leaving officials with the task of trying to locate his heirs.

A WORKING men's club which opened its doors in 1895 closed them for the last time after losing a battle against rising costs and falling membership. The Walsall Working Men's Club in Palfrey was known as the "mother club" because it spawned many others.

1993...

KITCHEN staff at a Bilston school served up a treat for tennis fans to mark the start of Wimbledon fortnight. Workers at Moseley Park School dressed up as tennis players and served up dishes such as tennis ball quiche and Centre Court pizza.

A COUNCIL worker from Cradley Heath celebrated winning more than £20,000 on the football pools after his new lucky numbers came up trumps. Dudley Council worker Dave Wesson scooped the prize just a week after changing his numbers.

A WEDNESFIELD couple cried tears of joy after an emotional reunion with their two Filipino sons. Keith and Angelina Mitchell flew back to England with their children having not seen them for two years due to a red tape wrangle.

2003...

A HARRY Potter price war broke out across the Black Country after one store owner pledged to sell the new book at half price. Discount book store Works offered Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix for £8.99 at its branches in Walsall, Wolverhampton and Stafford.

YOUNGSTERS in Dudley formed their own football team as part of a community scheme to tackle anti-social behaviour. About 16 youths from the Priory Estate took part in regular coaching sessions run by former Wolves player Dale Rudge.

RUBBISH collection crews in Wolverhampton were called in to work on a Saturday to clear a backlog of unemptied wheelie bins. Hundreds of bins were missed during the first week of the council's new collection system.

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LETTERS

Plea to keep inspiring Hippodrome

IT saddens me that members of Dudley Council think demolishing the Hippodrome is the right thing to do. I fully support The Friends of Dudley Hippodrome in their fight to restore this building and urge the council to at least let them try.

Their business plan costs the taxpayer and council nothing – despite inaccurate reports of a need for an annual subsidy.

Dudley is crying out for a proper theatre. I have recently been inside the Hippodrome and it is breathtaking – huge and inspiring and in a very good state of repair. To tear down this place would be a sin. Never will Dudley ever own such a magnificent theatre.

I like our zoo, adore the castle and appreciate the Black Country Living Museum, but for the life of me I cannot understand why the council does not have the vision to see that a high-quality night-time entertainment venue would pull in tourists to all our attractions. With a theatre people may even make a weekend of it in the Black Country.

The Friends want to make the Hippodrome a centre of excellence in education too – providing training in the arts for all ages.

What's not to like? What's not to support? It all fits in with the development of Castle Hill and provides a facility for locals – and some jobs too – not to mention the knock-on effect to local hotels and eateries.

Come on councillors! Give something back to us – 20,000 plus people signing the petition so far can't be wrong!

Joanna Roden, Dudley.

Growing number of police advisors

WITH police cutting back, and without the benefit of Superman, it now seems we have Wonder Bob, or as they say in Wales, Jones the Law.

After appointing a Deputy from his own Labour Party, he appointed a number of assistants. He now seeks to appoint not one Youth Commissioner but several since this hitherto unheard of position is too big for one person.

I wonder if Young Labour are about to have plucked from their midst, the next hangers-on. Maybe, Bob, you could have a few younger assistants. Kindergarten Cop springs to mind.

Before long we will have an unelected advisory committee to see if we have enough commissioners.This is getting ridiculous; we will soon have more would be commissioners than people.

Robert William White,
Tompstone Road,
Wigmore.

LETTERS to the Editor

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Ofsted has failed to raise standards

OFSTED inspectors are not experts in education. They are purely and simply 'tickers of boxes', the boxes being provided by the relevant government department, currently led by that other non-education expert, Michael Gove.

To be an inspector you do not have to be a qualified and experienced teacher. Virtually anyone can take the short course needed. It can, however, turn out to be a nice little earner. The facility to operate a word/statement bank is very useful. This is the reason why all reports are churned out with similar jargon.

The goalposts set by the government are continually changing, so a school can go from outstanding to just satisfactory in subsequent inspections. From my experience these schools remain excellent despite Ofsted.

The system has not produced any improvements in standards in education whatsoever, in fact quite the contrary. Ofsted's main achievements have been to demoralise and humiliate an extremely hard working group of professionals.

Ian Marcus Dyer, supply teacher and author,
The Broadway, Stourbridge.

Degrading process of trying to find a job

HAVING been employed since 1969, I am now unemployed, and trying to find a job is like looking for a Mayan civilisation in Tipton.

The situation is much worse than the illuminati at Jobcentre Plus will admit to. There is a real paucity of jobs and castigating the JSA claimants on a total payment of £71 a week is unfair as the degrading process of signing on and seeking non-existent vacancies is soul destroying.

Advertised jobs are usually taken or receive a myriad of applications so emails, phone calls and letters are rarely replied to.

In six months I've had five replies from 115 applications and three interviews. Ageism is also prevalent although you cannot blame a prospective employer for considering it.

J K Glaze,
Wordsley, Stourbridge.

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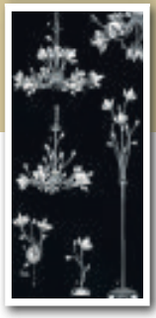

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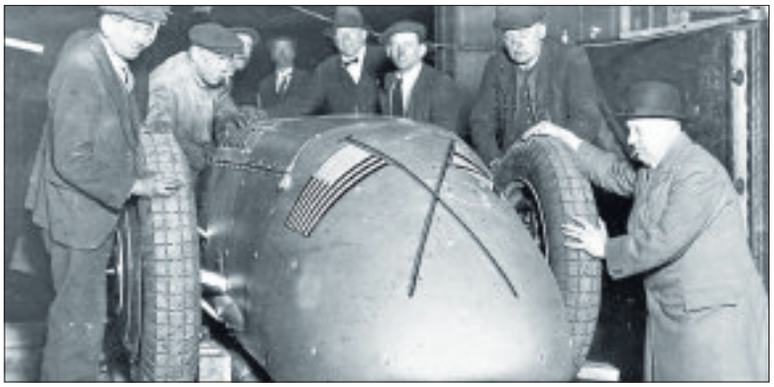

Workers with the Silver Bullet at Sunbeam Motors Works prepare it for shipment to the United States

Sunbeam staff proudly posing with the Silver Bullet in February 1930 – immediately before they started packing it up

Silver Bullet missed its target

by Tim Walters

IT WAS sleek. It was shiny. And it was very fast. But not, as it turned out, nearly fast enough.

The Silver Bullet was the pride of the workforce who created her, a powerful 4,000 horsepower beast engineered and crafted with one aim in mind – to set a new land speed record. It really looked the business as this mechanical marvel was unveiled to the public for the first time on February 21, 1930.

For the avoidance of doubt about where the credit might lie, the words "Designed & Built by the Sunbeam Motor Car Co. Ltd, Wolverhampton, England," were emblazoned on the side. On the nose were two crossed flags – the Stars and Stripes, and the Union Jack, reflecting the fact that this was a British record attempt which would take place in the United States.

According to the internet, photos of the Silver Bullet are rare. But the *Chronicle's* sister paper,the *Express & Star*, has rediscovered a clutch of original prints in its archives, some of which may not have been seen for more than 80 years – if ever. The pictures also capture the process of readying the Silver Bullet for its long journey to Daytona Beach in Florida.

Star turn at the unveiling was Kaye Don, the intrepid driver who would be taking to the cockpit in an attempt to recapture the land speed record for Sunbeam. Sir Henry Segrave had reached 231mph in 1929 – breaking the 1927 record of 203mph set by the Sunbeam 1000HP, nicknamed The Slug. The Silver Bullet travelled in a specially constructed reinforced case measuring 31ft by 7ft by 6ft, and weighing about three tons which, with the 4.5 tons of the car, took the total weight over seven tons.

The packing kept a party of eight or 10 men fully occupied for about three hours on the evening of Saturday, February 22. Loading the crate on to a 12-ton, six wheeled lorry to take it to Southampton, took a further hour or so on the Sunday.

Problems

The Silver Bullet finally left the works on the Monday, to be shipped to New York during that week on the liner Berengaria, together with Kaye Don and a team of picked mechanics from the Sunbeam experimental and racing department.

Arriving in mid-March at Daytona Beach, all was ready to bring home the glory to Wolverhampton, where the town was closely following the record bid.

Immediately there were a host of problems. There was trouble with the car's supercharger. The beach also proved to be very bumpy and Don was seen being bounced and bobbed about in the cockpit 'like a jack-in-a-box'. And the weather was bad. On three early runs, Don only made 101mph. He needed to be able to double that – and more. There were rumours about friction developing in the camp, and of a conference between Don and the designer, Mr Louis Coatalen 'during which both parties displayed some heat'.

On March 21, Don said: "The weather conditions have been awful. It has rained practically every day I have been here. It seems that conditions have been all against us, but I am still more than hopeful. Believe me, I am going to break that record. The Silver Bullet is everything I could ask for. The sands have been the trouble."

Gamely they battled on, making adjustments, tackling technical snags, but not able to do anything about the beach conditions, which were so bad that Don was in danger of being pitched out of the cockpit.

On April 10, it was all over. After a series of runs, Kaye Don abandoned his attempt. In a first trial run, the car bounced perilously as it passed over sand ridges, but reached 182.741mph over the measured mile.

A few changes, and a second run, down to 155.44mph. Further supercharger adjustments. This time, the Silver Bullet reached just 108mph. The game was up.

And the Silver Bullet? It was not destined to end up shiny and polished in a museum or motoring display. It was sold on and eventually scrapped.

Kaye Don failed in his attempt to set a new land speed record

Sleek – the stylish Silver Bullet after it was unveiled to the public

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NEWS

Firm invests to keep its clients on the road

THE booming Halesowen-based commercial vehicle bodybuilder Bevan Group has made key changes to its management team and invested in a new, extended fleet of mobile workshops to serve its aftercare customers.

From a fleet of just six, the company will be operating 20 of the distinctive workshop vans by the end of this month, under the director of Bevan's aftercare manager Simon Dryburgh.

He has just been promoted to take over from Roy Shelton, who has become the company's first business development manager.

As well as Bevan's range of dry freight box, curtainside and platform bodies, Roy is focused on selling temperature-controlled bodywork for rigid trucks.

This followed the company's announcement in January that it had entered a strategic partnership with specialist manufacturer Schmitz Cargobull.

Bevan's expanded fleet of mobile workshops will provide cover nationwide

Winning

He is managing several key accounts but is also charged with winning business from operators that have not previously used Bevan's services.

Simon, meanwhile, has taken up his new position at Bevan's headquarters in Amber Way, having spent nearly 10 years working as general manager for one of its main competitors.

He began his career 25 years ago as a technical apprentice with Metro Cammell, working on trains, and his CV includes a 13-year stint with another well-known commercial vehicle bodybuilder.

Alongside its manufacturing operations Bevan has forged a reputation for repair and maintenance services, operating a team of mobile technicians offering cover across Britain.

As well as maintaining and repairing truck and van bodies of all makes and types, they look after tail-lifts, cranes, shutter doors and other equipment.

Bevan's new Nissan service vans are racked out to carry the tools and equipment its mobile technicians need.

"By the end of July we'll have 20 new vans on the road," Simon said. "That's six more than we were running previously, and reflects rapidly growing demand for our aftercare services. Even operators who choose to buy their bodies from our competitors often rely on us to maintain them.

"I'm determined to build on the strong foundations in place to further improve our response times and parts availability."

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NEWS

Thousands hit by black-out

UP to 2,000 properties in Stourbridge and Lye were hit by a power cut last week.

Homes and businesses suffered the power loss at around 10.10am last Thursday.

Most of them had their power restored by noon the same day. Charlotte Buckby, who works at the Windsor Castle pub in Lye said their power was off for a total of 45 minutes.

She said: "It went off three times. It meant we couldn't do any work."

Western Power Distribution spokeswoman Stella Hayward said the power cut affected 2,000 properties. It is thought the problem was caused by a faulty cable.

Man jailed over robberies is ordered to pay back £9,000

A MAN who was jailed for 17 years for his part in a series of violent robberies in the Midlands has been ordered to pay £9,000 or face a further spell in prison.

Craig Reginald Clarke, formerly of Fareham Road, Birmingham, and four other men, were sentenced at Worcester Crown Court in December 2011.

The gang had plotted a series of robberies, the first in North Worcestershire at Barnt Green in April 2010 where several men tied up the occupants before escaping with firearms worth more than £100,000.

Further violent raids were carried out at Solihull in May 2010 and a week later in Lichfield. Cars, cash, jewellery and valuable pottery were among items stolen.

The judge, in sentencing Clarke and the others, said it was 'professional criminality of the utmost seriousness with terror inflicted on the victims'. Clarke admitted conspiracy to commit three robberies at homes in Barnt Green, at Hampton Lane, Solihull, and Raikes Lane, Lichfield.

West Mercia Police, who led the investigation into the robberies, has now successfully applied for a confiscation order against Clarke for known assets of £9,000.

He reappeared at Worcester Crown Court and was given six months to pay or face a further five months imprisonment. Mr Pat Kelly, from the West Mercia Police Economic Crime Unit, said: "It was found Clarke had benefited from the crimes to the value of £45,000 and was ordered to pay back £9,000 representing one-fifth of the total outstanding. Others in the gang have faced similar orders. The rest of the stolen property was recovered by the police.

"We will always seek to recover criminals' assets under the Proceeds of Crime Act."

Centre offering tattoo removal

ONE of the region's hospitals is now offering a private body hair and tattoo removal service.

People can now pay privately to use the Birmingham Regional Skin Laser Centre, which is based at the Birmingham Skin Centre at City Hospital.

The unit at the hospital, run by Sandwell and West Birmingham Hospitals Trust, is now able to offer private laser hair removal, and tattoo removal treatment to people from across the Midlands.

Experts at the centre say that with laser treatment, hair growth becomes progressively slower, finer and lighter, with a possible reduction in hair growth of up to 70 per cent.

Band living the Bon Jovi dream

Of Kings and Captains are, left to right, Kieran Lock, Joshua Lomas, Dean Greatbatch and Luke Wassell

THEY grew up within miles of each other, playing gigs at their favourite pub, gathering a firm following from a few devoted fans.

But now they are on the biggest gig of their lives – rocking out stadiums with Bon Jovi.

Black Country band Of Kings and Captains have sealed a prestigious support slot with the rock heavyweights for five dates during their UK tour.

The four-piece band, all aged 23, live around Quarry Bank, Dudley and Blackheath. They played their first night at the Eithad Stadium, home of Manchester City, and then took to the stage in front of thousands of fans at Villa Park.

Frontman Luke Wassell, started the group with school mate Kieran Lock, and Luke's cousin Dean Greatbatch joined to play bass and their guitarist friend Josh Lomas completed the band.

All have day jobs. Luke works for a technology management company, Kieran works for an aerospace group at its Netherton factory, Dean is a programmer and setter and Josh works at a department store.

But for the next few weeks they are rock stars.

Kieran said: "We can't believe it. It is a dream for us."

The band got the slot when radio listeners voted for them in a competition.

The bandmates gathered at their favourite pub, Katie Fitzgerald's, in Wollaston, Stourbridge, where they have played several gigs, to await for the result live on air.

And when it came, Luke said the packed pub went wild.

Railway parking boost welcomed

RAIL campaigners have welcomed plans to create an extra 175 parking spaces at Stourbridge Junction railway station.

It is part of a £1.3 million project announced by Centro to expand the park and ride service.

Members of Stourbridge Line User Group (SLUG) said the car park extension would help to meet demand from commuters.

Chairman Rob Hebron said: "I am delighted that years of lobbying have produced a positive effect.

"This will bring the total capacity to almost 1,000. I cannot overstate how fortunate we are in having free car parking at key stations and it is a major factor in raising demand for train services."

There are now 780 spaces at Stourbridge Junction – 381 on the main site by the station buildings and 401 spaces on an overflow car park off Brook Road.

But there is a large demand for the spaces with the car parks often full to capacity by the end of the morning rush hour. Nearby roads also become clogged with cars left by commuters.

Stourbridge MP Margot James has also welcomed the revamp work which is due to start in summer 2014.

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NEWS

Slimmers in extra large donation to charity shop

SLIMMERS who have shed the pounds are hoping to swell charity coffers – by clearing out their wardrobes.

Slimming World members meeting in Cradley Heath have shed a total of 134 stones since the start of the year.

They have had to buy new clothes to fit their slimmed-down shapes, and instead of throwing out their old outfits, they have donated them to charity.

Group member Glen Willetts, who juggles his time as a carer, helped take bags packed full of clothes to the Halesowen branch of Cancer Research UK, in the town's High Street.

The 53-year-old of Haden Road, Cradley Heath, once tipped the scales at 22st 7lb but slimmed down to 13st 10lb, earning him the title of the group's man of the year.

"I found it really liberating to get rid of all my old clothes, and I'm not worried about ever needing them again, because this is me now. There's no going back," he said.

Wonderful

"I'm much more active now. I walk regularly, and it's all just part of my new life, so much so that I sometimes forget I wasn't always like this.

"And it's wonderful to think that I've supported the other members of the group to achieve their own weight loss dreams at the same time."

Charity shop manager Jean Shaw said: "We welcome clothes in all shapes, sizes and styles and were thrilled to receive such a huge donation of clothing.

Kim Mills, who runs the group which meets at Cradley Heath Liberal Club every Thursday, says members were delighted to get behind the cause.

The Big Slimming World Clothes Throw is a nationwide fundraising drive that sees Slimming World members across the UK donating clothes to Cancer Research UK.

Glen Willetts hands over his old clothes to Margareta Ward, relief manager at Cancer Research UK in Halesowen High Street

MP backs work of male cancer charity

DUDLEY North MP Ian Austin is backing a campaign to fund research into forms of male cancer.

Mr Austin wore blue clothes for a day to show his support for Dudley charity Balls to Cancer. His team volunteered to take part after being approached by the charity's founder Mark Bates.

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Tribute to a devoted father who died in horrific head-on crash

A TRIBUTE was paid to a keen motorcyclist and 'much-loved' father-of-four who died in a head-on crash on his way to work.

Michael Patton, known as Mick, was killed as he rode his Triumph Sprint 1000cc bike to work at Hartlebury trading estate, near Kidderminster.

Police say the 47-year-old was in Crown Lane, Waresley, when he was involved in the crash with a Peugeot Expert van last week.

Mr Patton lived in Brinton Crescent, Kidderminster, but was originally from the Black Country.

His wife Ann, aged 54, said the pair had fallen in love within moments of meeting in December 2003 and tied the knot in Hawaii.

She said he was devoted to his four children Christopher, Lala, Sam and Thomas, from two previous relationships, and enjoyed many trips away and holidays abroad. He would also be missed by his six siblings –Robert, Susan, Ann, Kathleen, David and Rita.

"Mick was a lovely, gentle man who was much loved by everyone who knew him," said Mrs Patton. "We had such a wonderful time together. I still can't believe he is gone."

The couple married in November 2005 and moved moved to Wyre Forest around eight years ago. Mr Patton, who previously lived in Smethwick, had taken temporary work at Forest Garden, at the Hartlebury trading estate, in February.

Mrs Patton said her husband was a passionate motorcyclist and had completed an advanced motorcycle course.

West Mercia Police are appealing for any witnesses to contact them to help with their investigation on 101, quoting incident number 52-S-1006131.

Michael Patton

160 walkers raise cash for charity

ABOUT 160 people joined in a walk for Diabetes UK.

It took place in Walsall Arboretum and raised more than £4,000, with more money still coming in.

The event was opened by Mayor of Walsall Councillor Mohammad Nazir, and staff from the Walsall branch of Pure Gym provided a five-minute warm-up.

The event marked Diabetes Week, which aims to raise money for research, and £20 million has already been invested in research.

College set to celebrate anniversary

WALSALL College celebrates its 60th birthday on Saturday.

A community open day will give people the chance to share their memories of college life.

The 1950s-themed event will run from 10am to 2pm and will include live entertainment, games, a bouncy castle and student exhibitions.

Former students will have the chance to record their memories of the college in a video diary room.

Work starts on club pitches

Project leaders Colin Worthington and Lynn Boleyn

WORK to turn 30 acres into a new home for the Kewford Eagles football club in Wall heath, near Kingswinford, is under way.

Landmovers have been on site off Swinford Road, to start creating the £1.2m base for the 500 young players who train at the amateur club.

There will be 11 full-size football pitches, changing rooms, showers, toilets and car parking. It should all be ready for September 2014.

The land has been seeded – and club officials now have to wait for the grass to grow.

Lynn Boleyn and Colin Worthington, who are the project leaders and main fundraisers, say they are pleased with how the work has progressed.

The club has about 500 children members, a senior team and a disability senior team. It received £800,000 from the Football Foundation and £50,000 from Sport England's Olympic Legacy Fund.

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NEWS

Police help get needy youngsters on the road

Project founder John Lane with PCSOs Omar Sharif and Faye Cartwright

TWO old police bicycles, at least 20 years old but never used, are being made good as new by a charity to help hard-up families.

The bikes were in storage collecting dust when Dudley Police Community Support Officer (PCSO) Omar Sharif found them. He suggested giving them to City-Can-Cycle.

Officers have also donated £500 from a fund raised by the sale of property seized in police investigations to help the Dudley-based organisation with its work to help young people learn new skills.

PCSO Sharif said: "Our maintenance man said the bikes, although never used, would need to be serviced, and that would cost more than they were worth."

Inquest told that tragic pedestrian was drunk

A MAN who was killed when he was hit by a car in a country lane, was more than three times over the drink drive limit for alcohol, an inquest heard.

Avtar Bening was seen staggering in and out of the bushes in the dark in Forge Lane, by another motorist before he was hit near Sandwell Valley Crematorium last July 29.

Mr Bening, 46 and unemployed, died from spinal and head injuries.

At an inquest at Smethwick Council House, driver Rayel Johnson described the moment he hit Mr Bening, of Alexandra Avenue in Handsworth.

Mr Johnson, of Ada Road in Smethwick, said: "From nowhere this man appeared in front of the car. I never even saw him, I just felt the hit.

The inquest also heard from traffic collision investigator Pc Graham Harrison, who found that the offside dipped light beam on Mr Johnson's Ford Focus was not working.

But he said the light failure would not have made any difference. Mr Johnson would still not have had enough time to react before the collision. In a reconstruction of the crash, Pc Harrison found the country lane to being 'as dark as it gets'.

He said a blood test showed there were 230 milligrams of alcohol in 100 millitres of blood in Mr Bening's blood. The legal limit for driving is 80 milligrams.

Black Country Coroner Robin Balmain concluded Mr Bening died as a result of the crash. He said: "This highlights the danger to pedestrians – firstly of walking in the road in very dark clothing and secondly walking at night having drunk a lot of alcohol."

He added: "There is no reason for Mr Johnson to criticise himself."

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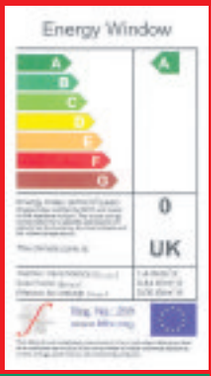

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Terminally ill man, 56, used fake Bulgarian licence to ride motorbike

A TERMINALLY ILL man used a fake Bulgarian driving licence to try to spend the summer riding a motorbike, a court heard.

Leonard Hawthorne had a full UK driving licence but wanted to use a motorbike, Wolverhampton Crown Court was told.

He had had the fake licence for some time and attempted to use it to get permission to ride a motorbike included on his UK licence.

The 56-year-old, of Dudley, has prostate cancer, the court heard. He had not been in trouble before the age of 52 when he was given a six-year prison term.

The court heard Hawthorne was locked up for rioting near Birmingham Airport while being involved with a motorcycle gang.

Prosecutor Mark Phillips said: "Since being released from prison he said he was terminally ill and wanted to spend the summer driving a motorbike.

"The defendant, although in possession of a full driving licence, was not entitled to drive a motorbike. In order to get that permission he submitted a Bulgarian driving licence, which was fake.

"He wished to get that endorsed on his UK licence without taking a test."

Hawthorne was arrested on April 20 and later pleaded guilty to possession of identity documents with intent. His defence solicitor Andrew Wallace admitted the offence 'was not a particularly bright thing to do'.

Mr Wallace added that the licence was never used or produced, because it was never obtained.

"It must have looked odd having the name Leonard Hawthorne on a Bulgarian licence," he said.

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"It would have stuck out like a sore thumb and was not a particularly bright thing to do.

"The problem is he is on licence for a very serious matter of riot.

"But he's not the same man I knew a few years ago – he's polite, well-spoken and easy to talk to."

The court was told that Hawthorne had prostate cancer and other medical problems.

He was given a 12-month community order and told to pay £250 in costs.

He was also ordered to carry out 200 hours of unpaid work.

In sentencing Hawthorne, Judge Helen Hughes said she was impressed by what was said about him in his pre-sentence report and that his actions had not placed anyone in danger.

She added: "This was an offence committed without thinking things through on your part."

Keep thieves locked out, say police

WEST MERCIA police are urging people to keep doors and windows locked as the weather improves.

Inspector Pete Funnell, Harm Reduction Inspector for the force said: "Always lock your doors if you go outside, even for a few moments, and close downstairs windows if you are not staying in the same room." The police want householders to adopt simple crime prevention measures.

Insp Funnell said: "It is important to make sure that your house is secure at all times, whether you are inside, or in the garden."

Concert to honour of poet Alfie

A SPECIAL concert is being held in memory of Black Country poet and entertainer, Alfie Smith.

The Public in West Bromwich will host the event on June 21.

It will feature performances from his friends and fellow entertainers including poets and musicians.

Mr Smith performed his poetry across the region . He died in March, aged 71. A plaque in his memory will be unveiled outside The Public before the concert, which is free.

Details on 0121 533 7161.

Glasses raised to canal beer festival

June Hodgetts with Ian Davies, of Kinver Brewery, and Martin Wilkins, of Black Country Ales

ORGANISERS are preparing for their first real ale festival at the Dudley canal tunnels this month.

More than 30 beers will be on offer at the Dudley Canal Trust event, which runs for three days from June 27, at Todd's End, off Birmingham New Road.

Money raised from the event will boost trust coffers, with plans in the pipeline to build a £3 million education and exhibition centre at the attraction.

Dudley Canal Trust general manager June Hodgetts said: "This is in part a fundraising event, but also it is real ale lovers putting on a festival for like-minded people."

Exhibition

The event runs 6pm to 11pm on June 27 and from 11am to 11pm on the following days. There will be around 30 ales available, and ciders and some English wines as well as soft drinks. Hot and cold food will be available.

Plans for the £3m education, exhibition and heritage centre were unveiled last October. It will outline the Black Country's industrial past and a lift will enable people to get to and from the towpath and visitor embarkation wharf.

The first visitors could be welcomed in summer 2014.

Crowds flock to festival

A FESTIVAL celebrating an historic strike by women chainmakers in Cradley Heath attracted more than 1,000 people.

The ninth Women Chainmakers' festival at Bearmore Mound in Bearmore Park, featured archery, stalls, martial arts demonstrations and live music.

It was organised by the Trades Union Congress and Sandwell Council and was attended by Sylvia Heal, former MP for Halesowen and Rowley Regis.

Used car is firm to move

A USED car business that has been in Tipton for 42 years is to move to Sterling Park, Brierley Hill.

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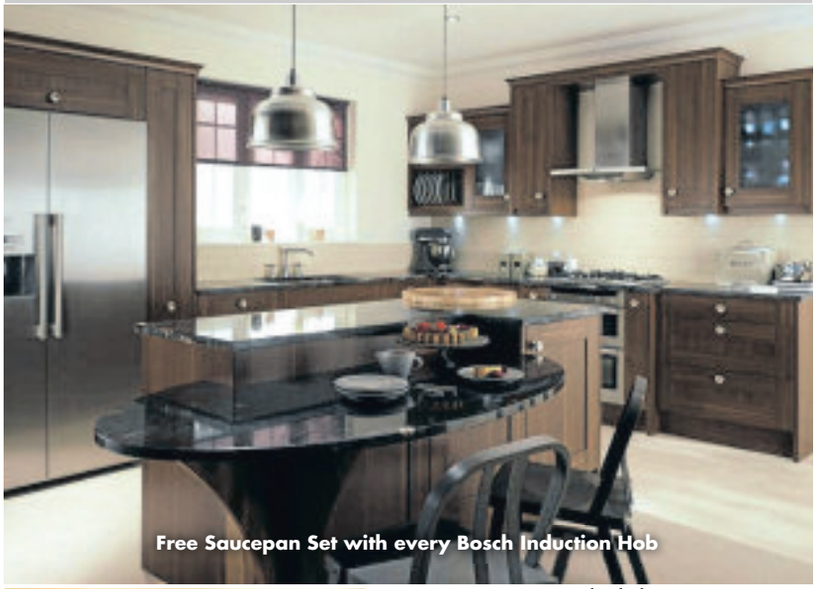

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NEWS

Trinity Property directors Paul Westwood, Nic Burrows and Eric Morse-Brown with the Hawbush FC team

Firm tackles kit problem facing young footballers

A PROPERTY company has saved aspiring footballers at a Brierley Hill housing estate from an embarrassing identity crisis.

As part of the Hawbush Project – a social help enterprise run by Amblecote Christian Centre in Brettell Lane – a team was formed, but the players had no strip.

When church members and property company directors Eric Morse-Brown, Nic Burrows and Paul Westwood heard of the dilemma, they stepped in to help, providing sponsorship with 24 strips for the team.

Mr Morse-Brown, who is based at Trinity Property in Wolverhampton Street, Dudley, said: "It's great to be able to help these lads get kitted out."

Simon Ashby, Hawbush Project director, added: "When we began on the estate a decade ago we had a group of nine and 10-year-olds who played football with us.

"We used to joke that one day they'd be a proper adult team, play in a league and win trophies.

"In 2012 the same lads came to us and asked if we could form an adult side, and here we are today – with a group of 24 16-to 25-year-olds as Hawbush FC preparing for the kick-off in the third division of the West Midlands Christian Football League."

He added the Hawbush area was hugely deprived, with such issues as family breakdowns, substance abuse and anti-social behaviour.

The estate is also in the bottom 1.3 per cent of the country for its education and in the bottom 10 per cent for deprivation.

"Football plays a massive role in helping to address issues on the estate. It provides a weekly focal point where we can encourage these guys to be socially responsible and find out how best we can meet their needs," added Simon.

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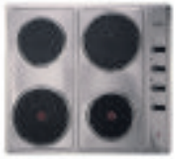

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NEWS

Campaigners win in battle to save town centre loos

Councillors Tracy Wood, centre, and Qadar Zada, right, with residents who won their campaign

CAMPAIGNERS have won a fight to have public toilets reopened in Netherton town centre after councillors agreed to a £7,000 revamp project.

Traders had called for the toilet block in Halesowen Road to be opened again saying they were much-needed.

Eight toilet blocks were closed in Dudley borough, including Netherton, two years ago. It came as part of a bid to find £150,000 annual savings by council officers. The council said they were outdated, under-used and some had been targeted by vandals.

But the move was unpopular with communities including Netherton where people have campaigned for the facilities to be reopened. Now it has been announced the Netherton toilets will reopen this summer following a refurbishment.

Ward councillors Qadar Zada and Tracy Wood have worked alongside community campaigners to lead the fight to reinstate the only public toilets in the town.

The decision was being formalised at the Netherton, Woodside and St Andrews community forum by committee chairman Councillor Zada.

He said: "We promised we would reinstate the toilets and I am delighted that we have delivered on our promise.

"I'd like to thank the local residents and businesses for their support."

Toilet blocks remain closed in Flood Street, Dudley; Castle Street, Coseley; Bank Road, Lower Gornal; Lawnswood Road, Wordsley; The Cross, Kingswinford; Enville Road, Wall Heath and Cottage Street, Brierley Hill. But residents have appealed for the Labour administration to reopen the facilities.

Match is to boost charities

CRICKET fans are being urged to pitch in and support the Mayor of Dudley's charities at an annual match.

A team of Dudley Council officers will be taking on a team of members in a 20-over a side match for the mayor's charities.

The teams will go head to head at Stourbridge Cricket Club on June 28 at 6pm.

All proceeds will go to the charities the mayor has pledged to support – White House Cancer Support, Dudley, and Hearing Dogs for Deaf People.

Councillor Alan Finch, Mayor of Dudley, said:"It will be great entertainment."

Fairy tale fun will be on offer

DUDLEY borough libraries will be celebrating National Bookstart week with a theme of traditional fairy tales.

The campaign, which runs for a week from June 24, offers free books to all children before they start school.

Library staff will attend Merry Hill's Mummy Morning on June 25.

There will be a special bedtime story session at Kingswinford Library on the same day from 5.30-6.30pm.

On June 27, storyteller Sally Tonge will entertain at Stourbridge Library from 9.30-10.30am, Brierley Hill Library from 11.15am-12.15pm and Sedgley Library from 1.30-2.30pm.

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Students' art is put on display

Emily Bradywith an example of her 3D design work

TALENTED art and design students from Stourbridge College are showcasing their creations in their end of year shows at the college's Art and Design Centre in Brierley Hill.

Textiles, 3D pieces and even an orange slice-inspired sculpture feature in the display from the University of Arts London Foundation Diploma and Higher National Diploma in Fine Art students.

The second showcase will feature work from the BTEC Extended Diploma and the University of Arts London Level 2 Diploma, and will be on display from June 25 to 29. Andy Sylvester, assistant principal for Creative Industries, said: "Once again our art and design students have shown outstanding levels of creativity and have created some fantastic pieces of work which we are proud to show off.

"Our unique partnership with the University of Arts London Awarding Body is the only partnership of its kind within a fifty mile radius of our region meaning that our foundation courses are kite marked and acknowledged by six of the top international art colleges in London."

Holly's film has a life-saving message

Holly Wilkinson

A FILM maker from Stourbridge, Holly Wilkinson, has been shortlisted as a finalist in the annual Organ Donation Through A Lens short film competition run by NHS Blood and Transplant, with her film The Gift of Life.

This year's competition asked for films urging people to have a conversation and pass on their organ donation wishes to their loved ones.

Holly said: "I entered the competition because I'm a massive believer in organ donation, and wanted to show my support, as well as share a great message. I wanted the film to have a sense of magic to it, because organ donation is a magical and wonderful thing."

The judges included big names from the world of TV production.

People in Stourbridge can help Holly by viewing her film online and encouraging others to do the same."

The films are on www.youtube.com/transplantweek , and the one with the most views by tomorrow (Friday) will win the People's favourite award.

The competition winner will be announced in July.

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REVIEW

Buddy Holly – A Legend Reborn
Grand Theatre

WELL he certainly looked the part, although the legs were doing a lot of shaking even for a Buddy Holly tribute, but the voice was just not quite right.

Billed as the UK's No 1 Buddy Holly, Marc Robinson, a winner from ITV's Stars in Their Eyes, was certainly a good performer and kept the packed Grand Theatre amused with his banter.

Unfortunately the voice did not quite match that of the iconic Buddy, although the memorable songs were all there – Peggy Sue, That'll be the Day and Heartbeat, to name but a few.

Strong

The band, The Counterfeit Crickets were very accomplished but the star was definitely lead guitarist, Adrian Mckenna, who could certainly play and had a very good voice as well.

For sheer entertainment value it was the, now 77-year-old, rock 'n' roll icon Jess Conrad who starred with the audience as he recalled happy days at the Grand many years ago but his voice was a bit shaky.

Annie Scott as Connie Francis gave a very strong performance with Stupid Cupid and Who's Sorry Now.

The show was well received but despite calls for an encore the performers did not come back on, shame as I think some fans were hoping for a few dance numbers at the end.

SUE ATTWATER

Disastrous farce is really a clever comedy success

WEST End farce Noises Off has hit the road, just like the bickering, accident-prone theatre company portrayed in this revival of Michael Frayne's backstage comedy, being staged at Birmingham's New Alexandra Theatre.

Noises Off was the most successful show ever staged by London's acclaimed Old Vic,.

The show is a farce-within-a-farce about a travelling troupe's attempt to stage an appallingly unfunny farce which turns into a catalogue of disasters and backstage squabbles.

Chaotic

It is done in three acts, starting with last-minute rehearsals, then a backstage view of the action and the final chaotic performance of Nothing On. If you liked One Man Two Guvnors, this will be worth catching at the Alex between Monday and Saturday.

In another play within a play, a stage murder turns real in Murder In Play, starting the Summer Rep season at Wolverhampton Grand from Tuesday to Saturday. Before that CBeebies- hit Grandpa in my Pocket will be live at the Grand until this Saturday, June 22.

Not just any old Irons at film concert

BRITISH star of stage and screen Jeremy Irons will be film critic Mark Kermode's special guest when the bequiffed movie expert holds his 50th birthday concert in Birmingham next month.

Academy Award-winner Irons will share anecdotes with Kermode during the event on July 9 at Symphony Hall, Birmingham, during a programme of film music performed by the City of Birmingham Symphony Orchestra .

Music will range from Mary Poppins to The Exorcist, conducted by Robert Ziegler. Tickets start from £12.50 to £40. Call 0121 780 4949.

It's still rock and roll to him – American hitmaker Billy Joel is coming to the LG Arena

The Piano Man back in action

BILLY Joel will return to the UK for the first time in seven years to perform in late autumn – including a gig at Birmingham LG Arena on November 8, one of only three UK concerts.

Having sold more than 150 million albums worldwide since his 1973 breakthrough Piano Man, Joel is one of the most popular entertainers in the world.

His hits include Only The Good Die Young, Just The Way You Are, My Life, It's Still Rock and Roll To Me, Uptown Girl, The River of Dreams and An Innocent Man.

The six-time Grammy Award winner has also earned numerous awards and honours including induction into The Rock & Roll Hall of Fame.

Tickets start at £60.50. 0844 338 8000.

REVIEW

Lisa Stansfield, Symphony Hall

A NORTHERN soul DJ acted as the support act for the return of Rochdale soul singer Lisa Stansfield, and the vintage sounds actually pointed the way forward for the 1980s hitmaker.

Two of the new songs unveiled by the elegant 47-year-old were big ballads in an old time soul style, prompting standing ovations and proving Adele isn't the only belter around.

Lower

Having said that, closing the proper set was a fiesty new dancefloor number Can't Dance that fit in well with the smooth '80s hits that the fans mainly wanted to hear.

They were not disappointed. Stansfield's voice is a little lower and she sometimes seemed distracted, flicking at her ponytail, but she delivered the hits, including Someday, All Woman and inevitable encore All Around The World with power and passion.

LEON BURAKOWSKI

US soul legend due at Robin

AMERICAN soul legend Ben E King has announced a gig in Bilston.

The 74-year-old singer from New Jersey will appear with Jimmy James and the Vagabonds at the Robin 2 club on September 8.

Ben E King's solo hits include the classic Stand by Me. He also had a string of hits with The Drifters.

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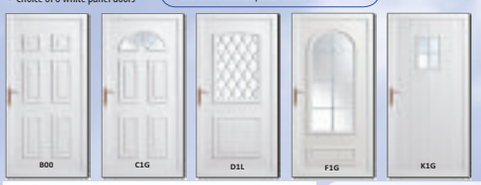

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Michael Buble

The Voice UK: The Live Final
BBC1, 7.15pm
Following six weeks of blind auditions, three battle shows, two knockout rounds and two live programmes, there are now four players left in the game. There's also that recording contract at stake, and the chance to follow 2012 runner-up Bo Bruce into the Top 100 album charts. Here the 2013 hopefuls will perform a solo number, then duet with their coaches. After which, the act with the fewest votes leaves the competition. Plus, there will be a performance by Canadian crooner Michael Buble.

BBC1

6.00 Breakfast. **10.00** Saturday Kitchen Live. **11.30** Nigel Slater's Simple Suppers. (R) **12.00** BBC News; Regional News; Weather. **12.15** Bargain Hunt. (R) **1.00** Escape to the Country. (R) **2.00** Live Athletics.
6.05 BBC News; Regional News; Weather.
6.20 Pointless Celebrities. Soap special, with Laila Morse, Anna Karen, Verity Rushworth, Adele Silva, Sue Jenkins, Alex Fletcher, Wendi Peters and Rula Lenska. (R)
7.15 The Voice UK: The Live Final. The four remaining contestants perform a solo number and then duet with their coaches before The Voice 2013 is announced. Plus, a performance by Michael Buble. Last in the series.
9.20 The National Lottery Saturday Night Draws. The all-important winning numbers are revealed.
9.30 Casualty. Fletch heads out in the ambulance with Dixie and Jeff for the day, but has a run-in with a gang of teenagers threatening a man as he cowers in his flat.
10.20 BBC News; Weather.
10.40 Match of the Day. Italy v Brazil and Japan v Mexico. Highlights of the final Confederations Cup Group A matches, held in Salvador and Belo Horizonte, Brazil; National Lottery Update.
11.30 Film: Arlington Road. (1999) A man suspects his new neighbours are terrorists, but struggles to convince anyone else that he is not simply being paranoid. Thriller, starring Jeff Bridges.
1.20 Weatherview. **1.25** BBC News.

BBC2

6.00 This Is BBC Two. **6.10 Film:** Higher and Higher. (1943) **7.35 Film:** Trail Street. (1947) **9.00** A History of Scotland. (R) **10.00** Reel History of Britain. (R) **10.30** Life in the Freezer. (R) **11.00** Life in the Freezer. (R) **11.30** Just a Minute. (R) **12.00** Hairy Bikers' Best of British. (R) **12.45** Tennis from Eastbourne. **3.05** EastEnders. (R) **5.00** Flog It!
6.00 Horizon: The Secret Life of the Cat. An experiment in which 50 domestic cats are tagged with GPS collars and cameras to track and record their every movement, revealing how they act away from their owners. (R)
7.00 Horizon: Little Cat Diaries. The results of the investigation into the behaviour of domestic cats documented in The Secret Life of the Cat, revealing how they act away from their owners. (R)
7.30 Dad's Army. Mainwaring sets his sights on Frazer's savings. (R)
8.00 The Many Faces of Helen Mirren. A profile of the actress, who became a household name through her portrayal of DCI Jane Tennison in Prime Suspect and won an Oscar for playing Elizabeth II in The Queen.
9.00 Film: Calendar Girls. (2003) Fact-based comedy, starring Helen Mirren, Julie Walters, Annette Crosbie, Celia Imrie and Penelope Wilton.
10.45 QI XL. With Brian Blessed, Sean Lock and Ross Noble. (R)
11.30 Film: The Mosquito Coast. (1986) Drama, starring Harrison Ford.
1.20 This Is BBC Two.

ITV

6.00 CITV: Jake and the Neverland Pirates. **6.10** Jake and the Neverland Pirates. **6.25** The Hive. (R) **6.35** The Hive. (R) **6.40** Dino Dan. (R) **6.55** Dino Dan. (R) **7.05** Canimals. (R) **7.15** Canimals. (R) **7.20** Almost Naked Animals. (R) **7.35** Ultimate Spider-Man. **8.00** Jessie. **8.25** ITV News. **8.30** Dinner Date. (R) **9.25** The Jeremy Kyle Show USA. (R) **10.15** Murder, She Wrote. (R) **11.10** ITV News; Weather. **11.15** Saturday Farm. **12.15** All Star Mr & Mrs. (R) **1.20** River Monsters. (R) **2.20 Film:** Columbo: A Matter of Honour. (1976) **3.55 Film:** The 'Burbs. (1989) **5.45** Regional Programme; Weather.
6.00 ITV News; Weather.
6.15 You've Been Framed! Clips include a skateboarding mum. (R)
6.45 You've Been Framed! More comical clips, including a man taking on a big spider. (R)
7.15 Celebrity Who Wants to Be a Millionaire? Family Special. With Caroline Flack, Joe McElderry and Stephen Mangan.
8.15 The Nation's Favourite Dance Moment. A countdown of the top 20 dance routines chosen by viewers, featuring iconic sequences from films such as Saturday Night Fever and music videos including Michael Jackson's Thriller.
9.45 The Americans. An assassin tries to kill President Reagan.
10.40 ITV News; Weather.
10.55 Film: Terminator 2: Judgment Day. (1991) Sci-fi action adventure sequel, with Arnold Schwarzenegger.
1.25 Jackpot247. **3.00** In Plain Sight. (R) **3.45** ITV Nightscreen.

CHANNEL 4

6.00 The Treacle People. (R) **6.10** The Hoobs. (R) **6.35** British GT. **7.05** The Grid. **7.30** Ironman 2013. **8.00** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **8.30** Frasier. (R) **9.00** The Morning Line. **10.00** Frasier. (R) **11.05** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **11.35** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **12.05** The Simpsons. (R) **12.35** Heston's Fantastical Food. (R) **1.40** Royal Ascot: Channel 4 Racing.
6.00 Stephen Fry: Gadget Man. The actor tries out technology that makes shopping easier and tests an array of kitchen gadgets as he prepares to host a dinner party for Derren Brown, Carol Vorderman and Jo Brand. (R)
6.30 Channel 4 News.
7.00 World's Weirdest Weather. Alex Beresford explores strange weather associated with fire. (R)
8.00 Grand Designs. Kevin McCloud follows a couple knocking down an old Thames boathouse and building a cutting-edge home in its place – in the middle of a community dominated by traditional houses. (R)
9.00 The Million Pound Drop Live. Davina McCall presents the quiz show in which contestants are challenged to place large quantities of the cash over trapdoors as they face a series of questions.
10.35 The Big Dirty List Show: 50 Years of Sex and Music. The most seductive songs from the past 50 years.
12.05 Derren Brown: The Gameshow. (R) **1.15** Royal Ascot Highlights. **1.40** The Million Pound Drop Live. (R) **3.10** Dr Brown. (R) **3.35** Hollyoaks. (R) **5.40** Kirstie's Handmade Treasures. (R) **5.45** SuperScrimpers. (R)

CHANNEL 5

6.00 Milkshake! **10.20** Power Rangers Samurai. (R) **10.55** ThunderCats. (R) **11.20** The Hotel Inspector. (R) **12.20** Big Brother: Live Eviction. (R) **1.45 Film:** Rio Bravo. (1959) **4.30 Film:** El Dorado. (1966)
6.55 The CSI Movie: Revenge. Feature-length episode. A serial killer appears to be on the loose, while Mac reconnects with his former CSI partner after being stalked by an ex-con. Guest starring Peter Fonda.
8.20 NCIS. Gibbs is held captive by Paloma Reynosa, head of a drug cartel and daughter of the man he killed, and forced to make a decision with wide-reaching consequences. (R)
9.15 5 News Weekend.
9.20 Big Brother. Highlights of another 24 hours in the Big Brother house, including coverage of the first eviction as seen from the point of view of the contestants.
10.20 Big Brother's Bit on the Psych. AJ Odudu is joined by experts and psychologists to analyse the behaviour of the housemates during their first full week.
11.20 Neighbours: This Week. Hour-long episode featuring highlights from Ramsay Street over the past week, when Kate discovered ex-lover Mark Brennan is still alive and Steph kidnapped Vanessa's baby.
12.25 SuperCasino. **3.55** Michaela's Wild Challenge. (R) **4.20** Make It Big. (R) **4.50** Roary the Racing Car. (R) **5.00** Angels of Jarm. (R) **5.10** Hana's Helpline. (R) **5.20** Angels of Jarm. (R) **5.25** The Funky Valley Show. (R) **5.40** Roary the Racing Car. (R) **5.50** Hana's Helpline. (R)

DIGITAL

BBC Three
7.00 Great Movie Mistakes IV: May the Fourth Be with You **7.30** Match of the Day Live **10.15** Live at the Apollo **11.00** Family Guy **11.45** American Dad!
BBC Four
7.00 Britain on Film: Times of Change **7.30** BBC Cardiff Singer of the World 2013 **9.00** Wallander: Sidetracked **10.15** Kings of Rock 'n' Roll **11.15** Classic Albums
ITV2
2.20 Film: Free Willy 2: The Adventure Home (1995) **4.15** You've Been Framed! **6.15 Film:** Star Wars: Episode I – The Phantom Menace (1999) **9.00 Film:** The Fast and the Furious: Tokyo Drift (2006) **11.05** Lemon La Vida Loca **11.55** Britain's Got More Talent: Most Amazing Moments
ITV3
3.00 Film: Murder, She Wrote: South by Southwest (1997) **4.55** Foyle's War **6.55** Agatha Christie's Marple **9.00** Agatha Christie's Poirot **11.00** Blue Murder
ITV4
3.50 British Superbike Championship Highlights **4.50** The Motorbike Show **5.50 Film:** Escape to Victory (1981) **8.10 Film:** Police Academy 5: Assignment Miami Beach (1988) **10.00** Hell on Wheels **10.55 Film:** Escape from New York (1981)
E4
3.00 Made in Chelsea **4.00** Rules of Engagement **5.30** The Mindy Project **6.00** The Big Bang Theory **7.00** How I Met Your Mother **7.30** Happy Endings **8.00** How I Met Your Mother **8.30** 2 Broke Girls **9.00 Film:** Aeon Flux (2005) **10.50** The Inbetweeners **11.55** The Big Bang Theory
Film4
2.50 Ladyhawke (1985) **5.10** Coraline (2009) **7.10** Bedazzled (2000) **9.00** Die Hard (1988) **11.35** Dog Soldiers (2002)

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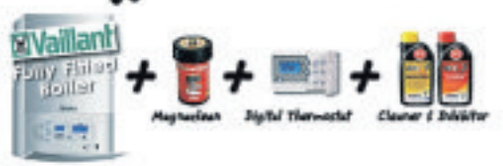

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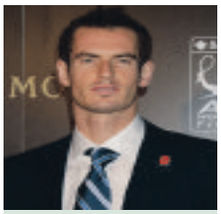

Andy Murray

Andy Murray: The Man Behind the Racquet
BBC1, 10.25pm

Last year was an amazing one for Andy Murray – at the Olympics he won gold in the men's singles and silver in the mixed doubles, reached the Wimbledon's men's final, he also won millions of new fans thanks to his obvious heartbreak at failing to become the first British champion since Fred Perry, and in September became the US Open champion – making him the first male UK Grand Slam winner since 1936. This programme charts Andy's build-up to 2013's Wimbledon. Fingers crossed his efforts aren't in vain.

BBC1

6.00 Breakfast. **9.00** The Andrew Marr Show. **10.00** The Big Questions. **11.00** Sunday Politics; Weather for the Week Ahead. **12.20** Countryfile. (R) **1.15** Bargain Hunt. (R) **2.00** Homes Under the Hammer. (R) **3.00** Perfection. (R) **3.45** Escape to the Country. (R) **4.45** Lifeline. **4.55** Songs of Praise. **5.30** Earthflight. (R)

6.30 BBC News; Regional News; Weather.

7.00 Countryfile. The story of the smugglers who used to operate on Romney Marsh in Kent, and whether bringing super-fast broadband to the northern English countryside is worth the expense; Weather for the Week Ahead.

8.00 Antiques Roadshow. The experts visit RAF Marham in Norfolk, where items include a statue of Buddha and mementos of the architect Pugin, brought in by his great-great-grandson. Last in the series. Red button viewers can play along by guessing the valuations.

9.00 The White Queen. Elizabeth ensures her family's security by marrying off her siblings to the nobility, angering the Neville sisters – so Warwick plots to find husbands for his unhappy daughters.

10.00 BBC News; Regional News; Weather.

10.25 Andy Murray: The Man Behind the Racquet. A profile of the US Open champion, following the tennis star on and off the court.

11.25 Film: Before Sunrise. (1995) Romantic drama, starring Ethan Hawke and Julie Delpy.

1.00 Weatherview. **1.05** BBC News.

BBC2

6.00 This Is BBC Two. **6.40 Film:** Born to Be Bad. (1950) **8.10** Gardeners' World. (R) **8.40** The A to Z of TV Gardening. **9.30** The Beechgrove Garden. **10.00** Saturday Kitchen Best Bites. **11.30** Live Rowing. **1.30** Wimbledon: Review of 2012. **2.30** Live Athletics. The European Team Championships.

6.15 Flog It! Will Axon and Elizabeth Talbot hunt for antiques in Clacton-on-Sea, Essex, with valuable finds including a stool hidden beneath bad upholstery, and a painting. (R)

7.00 Venus and Serena. A profile of tennis stars the Williams sisters, telling the story of their rise to stardom and following them throughout 2011, which proved to be a demanding year.

8.00 The Secret Life of the Sun. Kate Humble and Helen Czerski investigate the inner workings of the star and look at the influence its cycles of activity have on the Earth now and in the future.

9.00 Rise of the Continents. Iain Stewart examines clues hidden in the landscape to reveal how North and South America were formed from an ancient supercontinent called Pangaea.

10.00 Blackadder II. Edmund is challenged to a drinking contest. (R)

10.30 Mock the Week. (R)

11.00 What a Load of Buzzcocks. (R)

11.30 Film: Glastonbury. (2006) Documentary about the music festival.

1.45 Sign Zone: Countryfile. (R) **2.40** Holby City. (R) **3.40** This Is BBC Two.

ITV

6.00 CITV: Jake and the Neverland Pirates. **6.10** Jake and the Neverland Pirates. **6.25** The Hive. (R) **6.35** The Hive. (R) **6.40** Dino Dan. (R) **6.55** Dino Dan. (R) **7.05** Canimals. (R) **7.15** Canimals. (R) **7.20** Almost Naked Animals. (R) **7.35** Kick Buttowski – Suburban Daredevil. **7.50** Kick Buttowski – Suburban Daredevil. **8.00** Sonny with a Chance. **8.25** ITV News. **8.30** Country House Sunday. **9.25** The Jeremy Kyle Show USA. (R) **10.20** Murder, She Wrote. (R) **11.20** ITV News; Weather. **11.25 Film:** Agatha Christie's Murder with Mirrors. (1985) **1.20** Love Your Garden. (R) **2.20** A Touch of Frost. (R) **4.20** You've Been Framed! (R) **4.50 Film:** Beethoven's 4th. (2001)

6.30 Regional Programme; Weather.

6.45 ITV News; Weather.

7.00 Tipping Point: Lucky Stars. Denise Welch, Ed Byrne and Amir Khan answer questions to win turns on an arcade-style machine, hoping to scoop £20,000 for their chosen charity. Ben Shephard hosts.

8.00 Agatha Christie's Marple. The sleuth helps an old friend find refuge at a country house, but a murderer soon targets the strange building's various inhabitants. With Jim Moir (Vic Reeves) and Fiona Shaw.

10.00 ITV News; Weather.

10.15 The Talent Show Story. The evolution of TV variety shows from New Faces to Britain's Got Talent. (R)

11.15 Drama Trails.

12.15 The Store. **2.15** Motorsport UK. **3.05** British Superbike Championship Highlights. **4.00** Monk. (R) **4.40** ITV Nightscreen. **5.05** The Jeremy Kyle Show. (R)

CHANNEL 4

6.00 The Treacle People. (R) **6.10** The Hoobs. (R) **6.35** Blenheim Palace Triathlon. **7.30** Ironman 2013. **8.00** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **8.30** Frasier. (R) **9.00** Frasier. (R) **9.30** Sunday Brunch. **12.35** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **1.05** The Simpsons. (R) **1.35 Film:** Stormbreaker. (2006) **3.25** Deal or No Deal. **4.25** Hollywood Me. (R) **5.30** Channel 4 News.

6.00 The Political Slot.

6.05 Film: 17 Again. (2009) A man's wish to be a teenager again is granted, but his mature outlook on life puts him at odds with others when he returns to high school. Comedy, with Matthew Perry and Zac Efron.

8.00 Terror in the Skies. Brendan Walker looks at the people and processes required to maintain aircraft and keep them operating safely, and reveals the problems that can affect planes before they take off.

9.00 The Returned. Julie finds an unlikely saviour as her dark past resurfaces, Camille comes out of hiding with a new identity and Adele finally accepts Simon is back. French supernatural thriller.

10.00 Film: Whiteout. (2009) Premiere. A US marshal in Antarctica investigates a murder, uncovering the dark secret behind a plane crash 50 years earlier. Thriller, starring Kate Beckinsale.

12.00 The Big Bang Theory. (R) **12.25 Film:** Hero. (2002) **2.05** Nelson's Navy: Back from the Dead. (R) **3.00** Southland. (R) **3.45** Location, Location, Location. (R) **4.45** Deal or No Deal. (R) **5.35** Baking Mad with Eric Lanlard. (R)

CHANNEL 5

6.00 Milkshake! Peppa Pig. **6.05** Roary the Racing Car. (R) **6.15** Fifi and the Flowertots. (R) **6.25** Bubble Guppies. **6.40** The Mr Men Show. (R) **6.50** Chloe's Closet. **7.00** Roobarb and Custard Too. (R) **7.10** Bananas in Pyjamas. (R) **7.25** Noddy in Toyland. (R) **7.35** Mio Mao. (R) **7.40** City of Friends. (R) **7.55** Little Princess. (R) **8.05** Castle Farm. (R) **8.10** The Adventures of Bottle Top Bill and His Best Friend Corky. (R) **8.25** Angelina Ballerina. (R) **8.40** Rupert Bear. (R) **8.55** Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom. (R) **9.15** Toby's Travelling Circus. (R) **9.25** Roary the Racing Car. (R) **9.40** Jelly Jamm. (R) **10.00** Power Rangers Samurai. (R) **10.35** ThunderCats. (R) **11.00** Highland Emergency. (R) **11.30** The Girl with 7 Mums. (R) **12.30** Big Brother. (R) **1.30** BB BOTS: Rylan's Supersized Celebrity Sunday. **2.30 Film:** Arthur and the Invisibles. (2006) **4.20 Film:** Wimbledon. (2004)

6.05 Film: Sleepless in Seattle. (1993) A boy tries to find his widowed father a new wife via a radio phone-in show, a plea that moves an engaged reporter to respond. Romantic comedy, starring Tom Hanks and Meg Ryan.

8.00 Once Upon a Time.

8.55 5 News Weekend.

9.00 Big Brother. Daily round-up of highlights.

10.00 Film: The Business. (2005) Comedy drama, starring Danny Dyer.

12.05 Bomb Patrol. **1.05** SuperCasino. **4.00** Michaela's Wild Challenge. (R) **4.25** Make It Big. (R) **4.50** Roary the Racing Car. (R) **5.00** Angels of Jarm. (R) **5.05** Hana's Helpline. (R) **5.20** Angels of Jarm. (R) **5.25** The Funky Valley Show. (R) **5.40** Roary the Racing Car. (R) **5.50** Hana's Helpline. (R)

DIGITAL

BBC Three
7.00 World's Craziest Fools **7.30** Match of the Day Live **10.00** The Call Centre **11.00** Family Guy **11.45** American Dad!

BBC Four
7.00 Sacred Music: The Story of Allegri's Miserere **7.30** BBC Cardiff Singer of the World 2013 **10.00** Angelic Voices: The Choristers of Salisbury Cathedral **11.30** Fleetwood Mac – Don't Stop

ITV2
3.00 Film: Dennis (1993) **4.50** You've Been Framed! **5.25 Film:** Star Wars: Episode II – Attack of the Clones (2002) **8.15 Film:** Liar Liar (1997) **10.00** The Only Way Is Essex **10.50** Big Rich Texas **11.50** Hell's Kitchen

ITV3
3.45 Film: The Great St Trinian's Train Robbery (1966) **5.40** Agatha Christie's Poirot **8.00** An Audience with Lionel Richie **9.00 Film:** Dead Calm (1989) **11.00** A Touch of Frost

ITV4
11.15 Live British Touring Car Championship **6.00** BRDC Formula 4 Championship Highlights **7.00** World of Sport: Crazy Racing **7.10 Film:** Police Academy 5: Assignment Miami Beach (1988) **9.00 Film:** Mars Attacks! (1996) **11.10 Film:** Child's Play 2 (1990)

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4.35 90210 **5.30** The Mindy Project **6.00** The Big Bang Theory **7.30** New Girl **8.00** How I Met Your Mother **8.30 Film:** Hot Shots! (1991) **10.15** The Inbetweeners **11.20** Don't Trust the B**** in Apartment 23 **11.50** Alan Carr: Chatty Man

Film4
2.55 Carry On Doctor (1967) **4.45** Turner & Hooch (1989) **6.40** 27 Dresses (2008) **8.50** Cannes Film Festival 2013 Special **9.00** Die Hard 2 (1990) **11.25** Joy Ride (2001)

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What's On!

Film Choices

MONDAY
Journey to the Center of the Earth, Channel 4, 12.35pm
An explorer discovers a prehistoric monster-infested world deep beneath Earth's crust and faces a tough ordeal escaping the predatory attacks of the deadly creatures as he tries to guide his team back to safety. Sci-fi adventure based on Jules Verne's novel, starring Pat Boone and James Mason. (1959)

TUESDAY
Forces of Nature, BBC1, 11.45pm
A harassed publisher faces several unexpected set-backs on the way to his wedding – including a chance encounter with a vivacious woman, who only adds to his confusion as he begins to feel stirrings of love for her. Romantic comedy, starring Sandra Bullock and Ben Affleck. (1999)

WEDNESDAY
The Bad News Bears, Channel 4, 1.45am
A gruff former minor-league baseball player agrees to coach a team of youngsters. However, he is shocked by how woefully hopeless the would-be sports heroes really are. Gritting his teeth, he vows to do his best, with the help of an old girlfriend's talented daughter and a grim-faced biker. Comedy, starring Walter Matthau and Tatum O'Neal. (1976)

Starship Troopers, Friday, BBC1, 11.25pm

THURSDAY
Honeymoon for One, Channel 5, 3.15pm
A woman learns her fiance is having an affair, so breaks off the engagement and heads to Ireland on honeymoon by herself. She gets off on the wrong foot with the manager of the estate where she is staying, but they eventually fall for each other. However, her fiance later arrives looking for a second chance and planning to buy the land. Romantic drama, with Greg Wise. (2011)

FRIDAY
Music and Lyrics, ITV, 10.35pm
A washed-up pop idol is given the chance to write a song for a teenage star – but despite his musical talents, he has never written a lyric in his life. However, the discovery that the woman who looks after his plants has a way with words marks the start of a beautiful relationship. Comedy, starring Hugh Grant. (2007)

Starship Troopers, BBC1, 11.25pm
Courageous military recruits hurl themselves into a desperate war against alien insects set on destroying mankind. They blast off for the creatures' home planet in a last-ditch attempt to save the human race from annihilation. Sci-fi adventure, starring Casper Van Dien and Dina Meyer. (1997)

Pick of the Week

A resurgent Murray aims to make history

It's the last week in June, so that can mean only one thing – that's right, the start of Wimbledon fortnight.

It's also, of course, the time when tennis fans eat copious amounts of strawberries and cream while enduring unseasonably bad weather and doing lots of cheering on Henman Hill, just as the light begins to fail...

Once again, Brits everywhere will be keeping their fingers crossed that we'll be celebrating the first home-grown winner of the men's tournament since the mighty Fred Perry lifted the famous trophy for the third and final time in 1936.

Andy Murray has as good a chance as anybody of being crowned champion this year, having come so close in 2012. However, he isn't the kind of character to let the hopes of a nation weigh too heavily on his muscular shoulders.

In the past he's been described as dour and even bad-tempered; but the emotional speech he made after losing to Roger Federer in four nail-biting sets helped to improve his image, as well as win over a new set of fans.

What Murray also has, which some previous British number ones have lacked, is the will to win at all costs. Having won a Grand Slam (the 2012 US Open) and the gold medal in the men's singles at the Olympics, he now knows what it takes to triumph in major championships – which means he's better equipped to go one step further this time around.

One man who knows a lot about carrying the expectation of an entire country is Tim Henman, who claims he didn't really mind the pressure.

"I never had a problem with it because I never really felt like there was any pressure," says Tiger Tim. "My attitude was that it had been my dream to play at Wimbledon on Centre Court. I played a lot of my best tennis and got a lot of my best results out there.

"At the end of the day it's slightly selfish, but I was going on the court to play for myself, I wasn't playing for anybody else and I think that's the right approach to have. I look at the way that Murray's played and I think he has a similar attitude because he's also played some of his best tennis there.

"There's a psychology to it and you want to make sure you're concentrating on the right things."

Henman also can't wait for this year's tournament, during which he'll be part of the BBC's commentary team once again.

"Even though I don't play any more it's still my favourite time of the year and I love getting involved with the commentary," he explains. "It's the same every time I walk in through the gates at Wimbledon – I still get that special feeling of being at the biggest and best place in tennis and that will never change."

Can Murray do it? Let's hope so. But even if he doesn't, we're still promised a two-week feast of tennis, courtesy of Tim and his colleagues Sue Barker, John McEnroe, Boris Becker, Tracy Austin, Lindsay Davenport, Virginia Wade, Pat Cash, Martina Navratilova and Anne Keothavong.

Andy Murray features in Wimbledon 2013, Monday, BBC2, 5.15pm

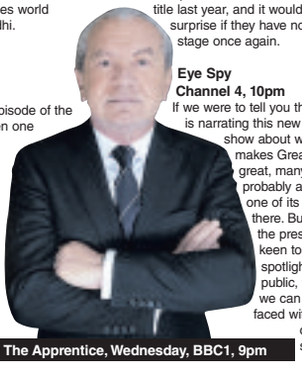
Best of the Rest

MONDAY
EastEnders
BBC1, 8pm
Lauren might be the one with the debilitating drink problem, but Abi is the one we often end up feeling sorry for – even on her birthday, the poor lass never gets to be the centre of attention. Tanya is supposed to be planning her younger daughter's party when she discovers that Lauren didn't come home following her night out with Peter. Max and Tanya fear the worst, but even when their wayward daughter eventually turns up to Abi's party of her own free will, they can't relax and concentrate on the birthday girl. For a start, Lauren has gone a very funny colour and appears to be on the brink of collapse…

The Man with the 10-Stone Testicles: A Bodyshock Special
Channel 4, 9pm
We're guessing that a few people had a little chuckle when they saw the title of this documentary. It does sound ridiculous, almost like a joke, but for Wesley Warren Jr, it was anything but funny. The Las Vegas resident accidentally knocked his testicles while turning over in bed one night, causing a sharp pain and swelling which got worse, and worse, and worse... Two years later, one of his testicles was larger than a watermelon; Wesley was suffering from a condition doctors named as scrotal elephantiasis or scrotal lymphedema, which are caused by excess fluid building up in the body's tissues. Here, we see what happened when Wesley finally went under the knife.

TUESDAY
Child Genius
Channel 4, 9pm
Could you spell triskaidekaphobia, extemporaneous and ovoviviparous? In fact, do you even know what the words mean? If not, then you probably wouldn't do very well in the competition to find Britain's brightest kids, which this week reaches the spelling bee round. At nine, maths prodigy Chris is the youngest contestant left in the contest, but he isn't sure how he will do when faced with a string of long words. Eleven-year-old Ben is feeling more confident, but perhaps he shouldn't get too relaxed, especially when the opposition includes world under-12s Scrabble champion Shrinidhi.

WEDNESDAY
The Apprentice
BBC1, 9pm
Cast your mind back to the second episode of the current series of The Apprentice, when one team had to pour away a keg of flavoured beer after getting the recipe disastrously wrong. The remaining candidates are going back into the kitchen to create and brand a ready meal to tickle Alan Sugar's taste buds. The task gets off to a shaky start, as some would-be entrepreneurs don't relish the idea of slaving away over a hot stove while their team-mates get to take charge of the branding, and a food fight threatens to break out over two very different ideas.


The Apprentice, Wednesday, BBC1, 9pm

THURSDAY
Match of the Day Live
BBC1, 7.55pm
Gary Lineker presents the second semi-final of the Confederations Cup, held at the Estadio Castelao in Fortaleza, Brazil, where the winners of Group B take on the Group A runners-up. Arguably the biggest shock of the tournament took place at this stage when the competition was last staged in 2009, with Euro 2008 winners Spain losing 2-0 to the USA. It was one of few setbacks for the Spaniards in recent years, as they went on to lift the World Cup in 2010 and defend their European title last year, and it would be a major surprise if they have not reached this stage once again.

Eye Spy
Channel 4, 10pm
If we were to tell you that Stephen Fry is narrating this new hidden-camera show about what exactly makes Great Britain so great, many of you would probably agree we'd found one of its gems right there. But this isn't about the presenter; he is keen to turn the spotlight on us, the public, to see whether we can be heroes when faced with a particularly challenging situation, or is our country, as so many people argue these days 'going to the dogs'? Many of us claim we would always do the 'right' thing in sticky situations, but when set up in stunts that throw up assorted moral dilemmas, is that really the case?

FRIDAY
The Graham Norton Show
BBC1, 10.35pm
Samuel L Jackson has spent more than two decades confirming his status as one of the coolest men on the planet, thanks to Jurassic Park, The Long Kiss Goodnight, the Star Wars prequels and Avengers Assemble. Sandra Bullock has also become a force to be reckoned with. In 2009 alone she saw The Blind Side (for which she won an Oscar) and The Proposal both earn more than $300million each. She will be plugging new cop comedy The Heat, while Britain's own Nick Frost promotes The World's End, his latest collaboration with Simon Pegg and director Edgar Wright. There's also music by Jake Bugg.

Glastonbury 2013
BBC2, 11pm
The mother of all gigs is back for the first time since 2011, and there's no shortage of amazing acts lined up to take to the assorted stages. It's not so much a case of "Get off my land!" as "Get off my cloud". Yes, the Rolling Stones have finally given in to repeated requests to play the venue, and will finally be taking to the Pyramid Stage on Saturday June 29. First up, however, are Arctic Monkeys, Dizzee Rascal, The Vaccines, Professor Green, Rita Ora, Jake Bugg and Haim.

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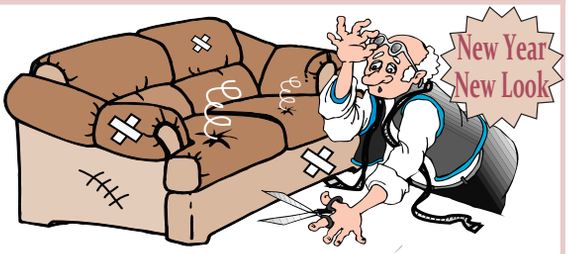

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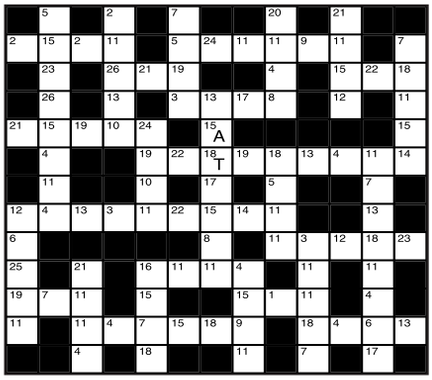

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LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION:

1 C	2 Y	3 M	4 J	5 S	6 F	7 H	8 U	9 V	10 B	11 D	12 P	13 A
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Double Crossword

Choose either quick or cryptic clues - both fit the same grid.

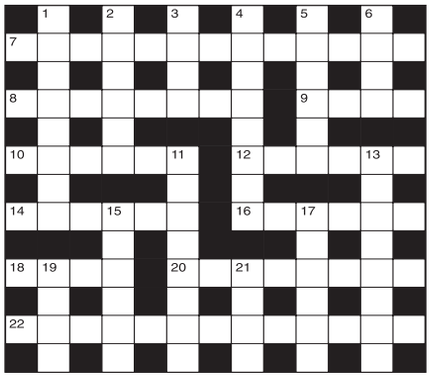
Cryptic Clues:

Across

7. Putting back in the ice-box? It's terrifying (5-8)
8. They prevent low joints being exposed (8)
9. What one has to do for tax (4)
10. Remained sober, we hear (6)
12. Consumer round the south associated with eggs (6)
14. He originated many current devices (6)
16. There is one on both sides of the capital where services are held (6)
18. Strikes back to prepare for a fight (4)
20. They follow on at the back to show what is coming ahead! (8)
22. Made out to be illustrious (13)

Down

1. Full of life, but secretly abducted (8)
2. Among those who give the verdict for damage (6)
3. Some of the elder cardinals hold the measure back (4)
4. Men's tips badly used (8)
5. Oars used by the cutter (6)
6. A tough piece of wood giving a negative result, one hears (4)
11. Got in and changed to acting as a benefactor (8)
13. Altered the size of the shot (8)
15. Moves conceitedly - members taking the strain! (6)
17. Harry the underground worker has a short way for traffic! (6)
19. Soft melody - two in fact (4)
21. Lily shows a certain spirit (4)



Quick Clues:

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7. G. Britain and N. Ireland (6,7)
8. Taciturn (8)
9. Competent (4)
10. Mild (6)
12. Deed (6)
14. Roadway (6)
16. Tried (6)
18. Urge forward (4)
20. Way in (8)
22. Religious organisation (9,4)

Down

1. Concern (8)
2. Severe (6)
3. Lazy (4)
4. Divert (8)
5. Horrified (6)
6. Labour (4)
11. Petition (8)
13. Conquer (8)
15. Salad-plant (6)
17. Sailor (6)
19. Spoken (4)
21. Jog (4)

Sudoku

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LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS >

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LAST WEEK'S CROSSWORD SOLUTIONS: CRYPTIC - Across: 1 Draw; 8 Expatriate; 9 Shipmate; 10 Back; 12 Caress; 14 Minute; 15 Agreed; 17 Castle; 18 Gear; 19 Spotless; 21 Flower-beds; 22 Town. Down: 2 Right-angle; 3 Weep; 4 Appals; 5 Stream; 6 Disbands; 7 Deck; 11 Cattle-show; 13 Eyebrows; 16 Desert; 17 Crowed; 18 Gift; 20 Last. QUICK - Across: 1 Scab; 8 Leadership; 9 Isotherm; 10 Even; 12 Ascent; 14 Temper; 15 Leased; 17 Oddity; 18 Stye; 19 Mediocre; 21 Amalgamate; 22 Need. Down: 2 Consistent; 3 Blot; 4 Patent; 5 Permit; 6 Esteemed; 7 Spin; 11 Electorate; 13 Easterly; 16 Demean; 17 Ordeal; 18 Snap; 20 Open.

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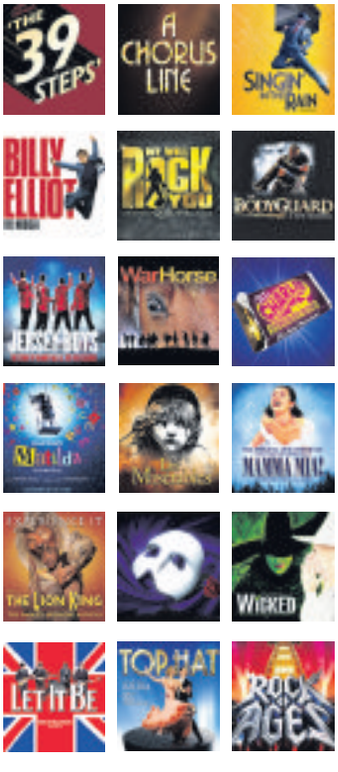

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DADFORD VIEW BRIERLEY HILL

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£475.00 PCM

SOUTH PARK MEWS BRIERLEY HILL

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HIGH STREET BELBROUGHTON

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UPPER ASHLEY STREET HALESOWEN

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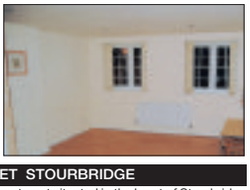

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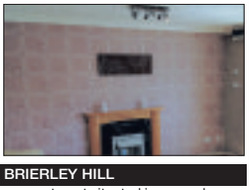

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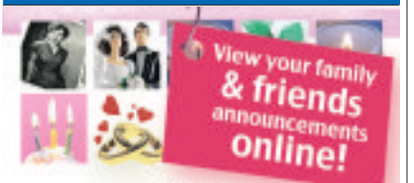

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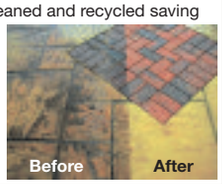

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Motoring

Compiled by Motoring Editor Sharon Walters

Triumph gives a lot of fun for the money

THERE are many good reasons for riding motorcycles, but for many of us the thrill, the excitement, the fun factor are some of the most important.

But sports bikes of the four-pot, one litre class are by no means the only option: even losing a cylinder doesn't mean short measure in what really counts.

Triumph's latest Street Triple is very quick, lighter and compared to many more nimble option with performance that belies its 675cc capacity.

The added bonus is it's now so well-balanced and easy to ride a lot of riders like me might find it flattering of their abilities.

The £7,699 Street Triple is a sort of hybrid between two successful Triumph models. It has many of the styling cues of its big brother, the 1,050cc Speed Triple – complete with twin 'bug-eye' headlights – while the three cylinder, 675cc engine is shared with the sporting Daytona.

It was a great piece of genetic engineering: the hard-edged looks of what was arguably the originator of the 'street fighter' class of bikes mated with the power plant of a proven race-winner.

In the Street Triple, though, the 105bhp and 68Nm of torque are delivered in a manner which makes for a quick but very tractable road machine – some 80 per cent of the pulling power is available at a very low 3,500rpm for real-world performance.

It is what it says on the box: a street machine not a pretend MotoGP bike.

It's red-lined at over 12,000rpm, and independent sources put the top speed at around 140mph.

Calipers

At first sight it's hard to distinguish the Street Triple from its bigger sibling: perhaps the most obvious difference being the short, low level exhaust. This doesn't only help to lower the centre of gravity it also produces a very satisfying range of sounds from burble to growl to howl as you feed in the power.

The Street Triple's short wheelbase and compact size are immediately apparent too, but what isn't so obvious is the all-new, narrower and lighter weight frame, including an advanced and particularly rigid rear subframe.

The bike is as light as it looks, too – just 180kg.

If you're bored by the engineering, you won't be by the result. This is what makes the Triumph such a cracking bike to ride – light, agile, sure-footed through the twisty bits.

There's no question of tipping the Street Triple into a corner, you just think it through, like the best sports machines. It's so good it flatters most rider's (certainly mine) abilities and inspires confidence.

The seating position is relatively low but upright which to me means comfort.

On a naked (unfaired) bike that naturally means some wind blast at motorway speeds.

Some might choose an optional fly screen to reduce that: for others, though, the wind makes you feel almost weightless, reducing strain on your arms on longer trips.

The multi-function instrument display includes a large digital speedo which is easily readable in a wide range of lighting conditions.

The readout includes a gear position indicator, whlle the second 'clock' is an analogue tachometer. The 308mm twin front discs with dual calipers at the front (and 220mm at the rear) provide reassuring stopping power wth little effort.

The Street Triple may lose out on outright performance to its bigger brother which will always be a consideration for some riders. But I'm not sure how much that means in the real world, where the 675cc machine's supersport power plant combined with its lighter weight and superb agility (and its price tag) has undoubted appeal.

The Triumph Street Triple is very quick and is now so well-balanced

The Triumph Street Triple is good looking and a lot of fun to ride

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The new Nissan Micra has been updated both inside and outside and comes with new technology

Updated Micra comes with all new look and more technology

THE new Nissan Micra has been updated with fresh styling, improved technology and a significantly revised interior.

Both the front and rear looks have changed, including not just headlights but the surrounding panels as well.

The design now more closely echoes that of the big-selling Juke.

Mid-range Micras ride on a new design of 15in alloy wheel, with the 16in upgrades on higher trim levels also a new style.

Two new colours have been added: Pacific Blue, which according to Nissan is a shade of turquoise, and Platinum Sage, which sounds like a green-tinted silver. On the inside, the instrument cluster has been changed to give greater legibility and clarity at a glance. It's just one of many improvementsthat take in an all-new centre console with new air vents and a gloss black finish.

On the dashboard, drivers will now find USB and 3.5mm auxiliary sockets for portable electronics. There is also a 12-volt socket for recharging s.

Visia is still the entry-level grade, with remote central locking, electric front windows, power steering, 14in wheels, a radio and CD player and a full complement of safety equipment including dual front,side and curtain bags, ABS and ESP.

Mid-range Acenta trim adds chrome accents, body colour door mirrors and handles, 15in wheels, a roof spoiler, air conditioning, front fog lights, a driver's armrest, a leather-covered steering wheel, Bluetooth connectivity and automatic control for the headlights and wipers.

Tekna versions add climate control, the new NissanConnect satnav, rear parking sensors, a clever Parking Slot Measurement system to guide the car into tight spaces, 16in alloy wheels, suede-like seat fabric, automatic folding door mirrors and Intelligent Key for keyless entry and engine start.

Nissan has also added more personalisation options to Acenta and Tekna models, so owners can specify their preferred colour of wheel centre caps and door mirrors on the outside, while inside they can personalise their gear knob, air vents, gear stick surround and velour mats to make their car unique.

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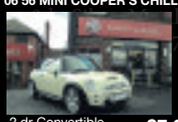

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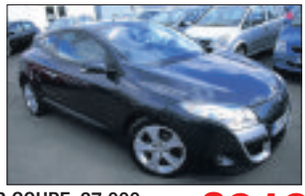

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Early fall of wickets but game is a draw

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STOURBRIDGE 2nd XI were fortunate to complete their truncated match against Owestry due to rain.

Called on to bat first the home side were as struggling at 33-5. Opening attack of Robert Allen and Ian Davies between taking out the four of the top order.

Keeper Aiden Avey (22) and paceman Dave Jones (20) protected Stour from further collapse. Then spinners Alex Watts (32 not out) and Feraz Irfan (19 not out) kept the home side in the game. Davies returned with 3 for 26 off 14 overs.

Oswestry's top order did not do much better than Stour's, five down for 87.

Opener Owen Johnson's threat to take his team to the winning score was put to an end by skipper Mikesh Patel dismissing him LBW for 41.

Five Stour bowlers Jones, Lewis Wood, Patel and Watts each took two wickets but failed to take the remaining two needed for the victory.

Team effort helped **Stourbridge 4th XI** put up a good total then fine bowling reduced Stourport-on-Severn to nine wickets down but they could not get the last man out.

Swimmers go through to the A final

HALESOWEN Swimming Club travelled to Tamworth for the second round of the Mercian Summer League.

The team performed well throughout the gala on June 8 and easily held on to a second place on the night to go forward to the A final.

Double individual event winner was Ryan Davies in the backstroke and freestyle.

Other event winners were Ruby Hanke and Talia Mitchell in the freestyle, Lauren and Daniel Hill in the butterfly, Emma Bird in the backstroke, Ruby Fell and Ryan Spoor in the breaststroke and Harry Cowley in the medley.

The relay teams at 14 and under girls and open men won both freestyle and medley. Emma Parsons and Joe Coxon grabbed victories and the age 10 and under girls team, including Melissa and Sophie Parsons and Imogen Vaughan-Hawkins, won the freestyle .

Dutch courage proves too much to take

Thilan Samaraweera was Worcestershire's top scorer

Cricket

WARWICKSHIRE and Worcestershire both suffered defeats in the Yorkshire Bank 40.

Samit Patel's first one-day century for three years condemned Warwickshire to a six-wicket loss in Group A.

Patel scored an undefeated 129 as his side reached their victory target of 239 with five balls remaining.

The 28-year old had arrived at the crease in the sixth over, after Notts had lost both Alex Hales and Michael Lumb inside the first six overs, and hit 12 boundaries and four towering sixes in his 123-ball knock.

Notts lead Group A from Northamptonshire, who enjoyed a 63-run victory over Sussex at Arundel where Stephen Crook took three wickets in 11 balls.

Holland clinched their first Yorkshire Bank 40 victory of the season as they beat Worcestershire by six wickets in a match reduced to 18 overs a side at New Road.

Worcestershire were restricted to just 90-6, Thilan Samaraweera making 47, before Tom Cooper (29 not out) and Daan van Bunge (25) carried the Dutch to victory. The outcome dealt a huge blow to the hosts' hopes of reaching the semi-finals. Durham bowled Scotland out for 91 before wrapping up a seven-wicket triumph at Chester-le-Street while Essex fell to second in the group as they lost at home to Lancashire by 64 runs.

Simon Katich made 60 as Lancashire reached 230-8 and Glen Chapple took 3-33 as Essex were bowled out for 166.

Somerset remain top of Group C after Craig Meschede helped them to a five-wicket victory over Leicestershire at Taunton. The 21-year-old all-rounder took 4-5 in the visitors' 124.

However, neighbours Gloucestershire are keeping the pressure on after beating Yorkshire by 36 runs.

Two gold medals as Bradshaw powers on

Alicia Bradshaw

HAGLEY teenager Alicia Bradshaw has brought home a haul of medals from Birmingham's Alexander Stadium.

The 17-year-old was in action on Sunday and won gold in both the 100m and 4x100m relay, silver in the 200m and a bronze in the long jump.

Her next competition is in Bangor on June 29.

Bradshaw is in the final stages of training for the 2013 Special Olympics Great Britain National Summer Games.

She will join almost 1,700 other athletes, coaches and supporters for the opening ceremony on August 28 at The Royal Crescent, Bath.

Then she will represent the West Midlands in four track and field events – 100m and 200m, 4x100m relay and long jump.

The athletics events at the games will be based at the high-performance facilities at the University of Bath.

Bradshaw, a student at The Glasshouse College, Stourbridge, trains with the Worcestershire team at The Ryland Centre, Bromsgrove. That squad will join other groups to form the West Midlands team.

Pain no barrier for Tai in race to gain points

BRITISH hero Tai Woffinden said he shut off the pain with a lap to go in the final of the Gorzow FIM Speedway Grand Prix of Poland.

Wolverhampton man Woffinden was in agony racing just a fortnight after shattering his collarbone in the British GP.

However, he won yet more new admirers for his efforts against the odds by finishing third and keeping his title hopes alive. The meeting was won by Polish star Jarek Hampel, with reigning champion Chris Holder runner-up.

Speedway

Woffinden, who notched 12 points, said: "At the end of the third lap I shut off because I thought the race was over, I was in that much pain my brain switched off for a moment.

"It was only when I looked across at the flag that I realised it was one more lap to go and I'm delighted to finish third.

"The pain was intense and hard to manage, but we got through it and I want to thank my mechanics, sponsors and all my supporters here in Poland and back in the UK."

Higher

Woffinden has also revealed how he and his team have agreed a change to their target from now on.

"Up until now it's been all about finishing in the top eight and securing my place for next season," said the Scunthorpe-based rider.

"But now I'm going for a medal. That's the new target for me, I feel I've done enough over half the series now to set the bar a little bit higher.

"I will look forward to Copenhagen on June 29 now and aim for another place in the final."

Fellow Wolves man Fredrik Lindgren narrowly missed out on the semi-finals after a solid display.

The Swedish star kicked off his evening with two hard-fought second places,.

A further point followed – yet he was left furious with Coventry man Krzysztof Kasprzak after an aggressive dive down the inside relegated Lindgren to the back in heat 15.

Left with an uphill task to make the semi-finals, the 27-year-old could only manage a second placein his final outing leaving him agonisingly short of progression on seven points. He dropped to 11th in the World Championship.

Dudley boss Will Pottinger was pleased with his side's performance in a narrow 51-41 defeat to Berwick in a Challenge match.

He said: "We were happy with the performance as we were very depleted with Lewis Blackbird injuring his shoulder at Scunthorpe."

Club declare pavilion open after refurbishment

A CRICKET ground, once billed as one of the world's finest, is hoping a recent pavilion refurbishment will revitalise it.

Enville Athletic Social Club raised the £196,000 needed to renovate its old pavilion thanks to grants and local fundraising – and has now been officially opened.

Chairman David Thomas said the pavilion now has new changing rooms with modern showers, as well as a new kitchen and bar store.

The club decided to rebuild the back half of the pavilion, where the changing rooms and showers were, while restoring the timber lounge of the building and clubhouse at the front.

Hope

He said: "The refurbishment has given the pavilion a new lease of life, particularly with new changing rooms, toilets and kitchen that brings the pavilion up to date.

"It is used by a wide variety of groups in the local community and we hope that even more people will consider using the building now that it has been modernised."

The original wooden pavilion was built in 1968 and sits in the grounds of Enville Hall, the ancestral home of Lord John Grey, Earl of Stamford.

Mr Thomas said the cricket ground had an interesting heritage, with the 7th Earl of Stamford investing in the ground to much acclaim in 1860 when it was recognised as 'one of the finest grounds in the world'.

He was also president of the MCC, so turf from Enville was laid at the home of cricket, Lord's.

Diana Williams, a descendant of the family, officially re-opened the pavilion with her husband Peter, raising a cup of tea to start the celebrations.

Diana Williams and husband Peter WIlliams open the pavilion with Enville Athletic Social Club's chairman David Thomas

Awards go to players

AWARDS were handed at Stourbridge Chess Club's recent annual meeting.

The President's Cup, awarded for services to the club, was presented to Dave Scriven for the ninth consecutive year. The Denis Fernihough Trophy, awarded for most improved player, went to Steve Alcock.

The Sydney Willets Trophy for the best player went to Jeremy Fallowfield. He put in an excellent performance on board one for the first team, leading them to promotion to division 1 in both the Birmingham and Wolverhampton leagues.

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Ghent to face hard six-round contest

TOMMY GHENT has been told to expect to go the distance with Jay Morris in Birmingham tomorrow – but Ryan Corrigan will miss the show through injury.

The Coseley duo, trained by Paul Gough at Priory Park Amateur Boxing Club, were both due to compete on ex-pro Tommy Owens' show at the Paragon Hotel.

But Corrigan damaged his elbow in training and has been forced to pull out, leaving Ghent as the Black Country representative.

The highly-rated welterweight, aged 20, steps up to a six-rounder against the 'Isle of Wight Assassin' Jay Morris.

The 35-year-old took Brummie Tommy Langford's best shots when he boxed in Birmingham in February.

Gough said: "I have seen how durable Jay is and what he would bring to the table for Tom, that's why he's such an ideal opponent for him at this stage.

"To be fair, Tom has not gone out to stop the kid in any of the fights he has had, they have just happened. Stoppages are over-rated, really.

"People are not living with his power – Jay will. I believe Tom will get a good six-rounds in and he won't have it all his own way, either."

Wolves off to Morecambe

WOLVES have been handed a low-key tie at Morecambe in the first round of the Capital One Cup.

Kenny Jackett's side, who were one of 35 seeded teams with Walsall and Birmingham, will travel to the Globe Arena in the week starting August 5. Twice League Cup winners Wolves will be hoping for better fortunes after losing to Morecambe in their two previous meetings.

DRAW: Bury v Crewe, Shrewsbury v Bolton, Middlesbrough v Accrington Stanley, Doncaster v Rochdale, Preston v Blackpool, Barnsley v Scunthorpe, Tranmere v Mansfield, York v Burnley, Notts County v Fleetwood, Sheffield United v Burton, Oldham v Derby, Carlisle v Blackburn, Morecambe v WOLVES, Nottingham Forest v Hartlepool, Leeds v Chesterfield, Huddersfield v Bradford, Rotherham v Sheffield Wednesday, Port Vale v WALSALL, Gillingham v Bristol City, AFC Bournemouth v Portsmouth, Wycombe v Leicester, Brentford v Dagenham, Exeter v QPR, Charlton v Oxford, Southend v Yeovil, Millwall v AFC Wimbledon, Swindon v Torquay, BIRMINGHAM v Plymouth, Stevenage v Ipswich, Cheltenham v Crawley, Bristol Rovers v Watford, Northampton v Milton Keynes, Leyton Orient v Coventry, Colchester v Peterborough, Brighton v Newport County.

Sir Jack sends fans 90th birthday message

Sir Jack Hayward

Football

SIR Jack Hayward has delivered a 90th birthday wish to remind Wolves fans of their key role in the renaissance of the club.

The multi-millionaire life club president celebrated the memorable milestone at home in the Bahamas with an RAF-themed party of 100 guests at the Sir Charles Hayward Yacht Club named after his father.

But thoughts of his beloved Wolves and home city are never far away.

As he raised a glass on Friday, he had a defiant message which will tug at the heartstrings of every Wolves supporter, urging them to remember that following the club is a lifelong devotion.

"All the best to Wolves, and all the best for Wolverhampton," he said. "I have so many fond memories of the place. My message to people is this: Wolves are not just for one season; Wolves are forever."

Left as miserable as any fan at the events of the last 18 months, Sir Jack doesn't want to dwell on Wolves' current predicament – languishing in the third tier of English football, somewhere they were never seriously close to sinking to during his 17 years of ownership from 1990-2007.

It's a long way from the pinnacle of his stewardship, the glorious day at the Millennium Stadium a decade ago when Wolves won promotion to the Premier League for the first time to end a 19-year absence from the top flight. Season ticket sales, although they now top 10,000, are down to a low not experienced since Sir Jack's early days at the helm when Molineux was crumbling before his £20m rebuild gave rise to the Golden Palace in the early 1990s.

Meanwhile, the club have addressed the swirling speculation suggesting Karl Henry is set to join Leicester or Ipswich and that Wolves have joined Sheffield Wednesday in being interested in Swansea striker Leroy Lita. Wolves haven't received any contact from either Championship club regarding Henry, and they haven't made any calls for Lita, who saw a move to Molineux turn sour under ex boss Mick McCarthy.

STOUR'S STAY AT THE TOP IS SHORT-LIVED

Oswestry 1st XI 159-6 Stourbridge 1st XI 112
Oswestry win by 47 runs

STOURBRIDGE 1st XI slipped from the top spot in Division Two of the Birmingham & District Premier league to third after losing to Oswestry.

The defeat came despite Stour's opening attack restricted the home side to 37 runs off 25 overs. But the home side recovered and then pushed the boundaries of the Spirit of the Game to drive home the victory for the maximum 24 points.

Cricket

Stour skipper Richard Bradley won the toss and put the opposition in on a damp wicket and the match reduced to 50 overs.

His opening attack of Matt Bradley and Jitesh Patel restricted the left hander Warwick Fynn and Scott Hale to less than two runs an over.

Rare for Stour, at least two catches and a run out were scuppered. It was the second change bowlers Ali Shah and James Winders provided the breakthrough taking the wickets of Fynn and Scott respectively both caught.

The fortunate Fynn (35) and Hale (40) stop scored at snail pace taking the team score to 101 off 39 overs.

The impetus to the Oswestry innings was provided by the all-rounder Jonathan Miles. His aggressive knock was ended by leg spinner Audy Alexander caught for 31 off 30 balls. Stour captured the wickets of Alex Huxley (0) bowled by Winders and skipper Mark Robinson (4) caught off the bowling of Alexander.

Stour lost the wickets of openers James Lawley for 11 bowled by Miles who then had Alex Bingham LBW for eight with the total on 23 off 6 overs. Things went from bad to worse for Stour when Alexander was given out LBW for two off the bowling of Paul Robinson.

Next to go was Adam Lawley bowled by Robinson for three with the ball trickling on to the stumps from a defensive prod.

Stour at 40-4 were in a desperate need of a rescue act. Hopes were pinned on Greg Jones ,sent in at number three for Stour to battle their way out.

But when on 19 Miles produced a pacey delivery that went right through Jones' defence his team still were 109 runs adrift.

Skipper Richard Bradley and Matthew Bradley began the rescue operation but Miles curtailed it bowling the skipper for eight leaving one outside the off stump.

Matt Bradley was given out to low down juggling catch in the slips for 12 off spinner Robinson. Jitesh Patel took on Miles, taking him for two boundaries, but fell to Robinson for 22.

The match ended controversially when James Wood and James Winders were both given LBW following fanatical appeals. Miles ended with 4-50 and Robinson 3-13.

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Great bowling from Alexander sets up victory

Stourbridge's Adam Lawley on his way to a vital 35 as wicketkeeper Tom Kimberlin watches

AUDY ALEXANDER claimed four wickets as Stourbridge surprised Kidderminster Victoria with a two-wicket win in the Birmingham League Twenty20 competition.

The St Lucia all-rounder, who bowls leg spin, conceded just six runs in four tight overs at Amblecote last night. Matt Bradley and James Winders bagged two wickets apiece as Kidderminster were held to 105-9 batting first, Chris Pyke making 21.

Stour made hard work of it, but were anchored by 35 from Adam Lawley, while Jitesh Patel contributed an important 11 as the home side scraped over the line. They were the only two batsmen to reach double figures as Stephen Yarsley took 4-24 for Kidderminster.

Stour skipper Mikesh Patel said: "We should have won much more comfortably. But any win over Kidderminster is a good win."

Second spot for Jordanne

HALESOWEN'S Jordanne Whiley narrowly missed out on winning her second ITF 1 Series singles titles in as many weeks.

The wheelchair tennis star finished runner-up at the Daegu Open to Japan's Yui Kamiji, the player she will partner next month at The Championships, Wimbledon.

For the second week in a row the British No. 2 and Korea Open champion started the women's singles as second seed and followed a first round bye by defeating Louise Hunt 7-5, 6-2 as two of the three top ranked Brits on the Tennis Foundation's Wheelchair Tennis Performance Programme went head-to-head.

Whiley booked her place in another final with a 6-2, 6-2 win over Japanese fourth seed Kanako Domori.

World No.8 Whiley went into Friday's final having beaten Kamiji 6-4, 6-4 to win the Korea Open a week earlier, but top seed and world No. 7 Kamiji beat Whiley for the first time in four attempts after securing the title 7-5, 4-6, 6-3.

Runners ready for the Stumble

STOURBRIDGE Running Club's annual 10k Stourbridge Stumble takes place Saturday, August 10.

The multi-terrain race will start at 6pm from Mary Stevens Park, Stourbridge. A 3.5k fun run around the park will also take place, starting at 5pm.

All runners completing the 10k will receive a memento and there will be medals for all fun run finishers. For more information visit www.srclub.co.uk or call 01384 823857.

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